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What Matters

THE Geneva conference, unlike its predecessor in Berlin, has to deal with a situation in flux, with nations only just emerging into modern nationhood, and with wars that are still raging or only just ended. The chief Western participants at the conference have different traditions in Asia. France is engaged in a bitter war which she has long wanted to end on honourable terms. Britain and the United States support French Union forces resisting Communist aggression in Southeast Asia and recognise that they are fighting the battle of free men everywhere. Britain's attitude derives from her ancient connections with Asia. Nevertheless the links of a newer kind with members of the Commonwealth who have achieved independence since the war are extremely significant. If it is the main problem of Asian nations to achieve full independence without losing it again to alien Communist domination, then the example of India, Pakistan and Ceylon may well be decisive for Asia today. Their independence is complete, they may on occasions—as the Indian Government has at times—disagree with British policy, yet they can rely in the event of any threat to their independence on full British support. Independence, in fact, has not meant dangerous isolation for them. It is natural that successive British governments should see in this combination of independence and partnership the model for relations between Asia and the West. Therefore, in any durable settlement in Asia the representatives of these hundreds of millions of people must play their part, and Britain must help them to do so.

FOR the United States, on the other hand, the second world war began at Pearl Harbour. For many Americans the Far Eastern war loomed larger than the European. The bulk of the burden of defence fell on America. This experience led many Americans to two conclusions—first that they should have no dealings with Chinese Communists, secondly that they should never again become involved in a land conflict of the Korean type. Then in the weeks before Geneva it came to look as if the situation in Indo-China might well threaten American people with a choice between just these two abhorrent courses. The Administration began to prepare public opinion for the hard decision, and the process was accompanied by one of those typically outspoken public debates which, because of its vociferousness and partisanship, immediately created alarm in other countries. It is idle to deny that the American attitude and approach differs in important respects from that of the European allies. In particular the Americans are far more pessimistic about the possibilities of any successful negotiations. If they are right, and no honourable settlement can be obtained in Indo-China then Britain, France and the United States are committed to look into the possibility of a collective defence organisation in Southeast Asia. On the other hand, if some sort of Indo-China settlement can be reached, there must also be found methods for guaranteeing it. The aim therefore is a system which will secure for Asia the same relative stability that has already been achieved in Europe. And even if the Powers approach that from different positions, it is not the route, but the destination that counts.

Text Of Vietminh Plan For Indo-China Settlement

3 AIMS: END THE WAR; RE-ESTABLISH PEACE; PROMOTE FRIENDSHIP

Evacuation Of Dien Bien Phu Wounded Offer

Geneva, May 10.

The text of the eight-point Vietminh plan for an Indo-China settlement was released tonight.

In advancing his proposals, Mr Pham Van Dong, the Vietminh Deputy Premier, told the nine-nation conference that they pursued a triple aim, namely, to end the war; to ensure the re-establishment of peace on a basis of recognition of the national rights of the peoples of Indo-China; and to establish friendly relations between the countries of Indo-China and France.

Tonight also the Vietminh delegation issued a statement that the Vietminh Government was "prepared to authorise the evacuation of the seriously wounded of the French Expeditionary Corps who were taken prisoner at Dien Bien Phu."

The text of the Vietminh eight-point settlement plan reads:

"1. Recognition by France of the sovereignty and independence of Vietnam throughout the territory of Vietnam and also of the sovereignty and independence of Khmer and Pathet Lao.

"2. Conclusion of an agreement on the withdrawal of all foreign troops from the territory of Vietnam, Khmer (Cambodia) and Pathet Lao (Laos) within the time limits to be agreed upon between the belligerents. Pending the withdrawal of troops the regrouping of French troops in Vietnam shall be agreed upon, particular attention being paid to limit to the minimum the number of their regrouping points. Provision shall be made that the French troops should not interfere in the affairs of local administration in the areas of the dislocation.

"3. Holding of free general elections in Vietnam, Khmer and Pathet Lao. Convening of advisory conferences of the representatives of the Governments of both sides in Vietnam, Khmer and Pathet Lao in each of the states separately and under conditions securing freedom of activity for patriotic parties, groups and social organisations in the preparation and the holding of free general elections to establish a unified Government in each country; while interference from outside should not be permitted. Local commissions will be set up to supervise the preparation for and the carrying out of elections.

ADMINISTRATION

"4. Prior to the establishment of unified Governments in each of the above mentioned states the Governments of both sides will respectively carry out their administrative functions in the districts which will be under their administration after the settlement had been carried out in accordance with the agreement on the termination of hostilities.

"The statement by the delegation of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam on the readiness of the Government of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam to examine the question of the entry of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam into the French Union in conformity with the principle of free will and on the conditions of the entry. Corresponding statements should be made by the Governments of Khmer and Pathet Lao.

"5. The recognition by the Democratic Republic of Vietnam as well as by Khmer and Pathet Lao of the economic and cultural interests of France existing in these countries.

"After the establishment of unified Governments in Vietnam, Khmer, Pathet Lao, the economic cultural relations of these states with France should be subject to the settlement in conformity with the principles of equality and mutual interest. Pending the establishment of the unified Government in the three states, the economic and cultural relations of Indo-China with France will temporarily remain without a change such as they exist now. However in the areas where communications and trade ties have been broken off they can be re-established on the basis of understanding between both sides.

PRIVILEGED STATUS

"The citizens of both sides will enjoy the privileged status to be determined later in matters pertaining to domicile, movement and business activities on the territory of the other side.

"6. The belligerent sides undertake not to prosecute persons who collaborated with the other side during the war.

"7. Carrying out mutual exchange of prisoners of war.

"8. Implementation of measures referred to in paragraphs 1-7, should be preceded by the cessation of hostilities in Indo-China and by the conclusion to this end of appropriate agreements between France and each of the three states which should provide for:

(a) Complete and simultaneous ceasefire throughout the whole of the Indo-China territory by all armed forces of the belligerent sides: ground, naval and air. Both sides in each of the three states of Indo-China for the purpose of strengthening the armistice will carry out necessary settlement of territories and of the areas occupied by them and it should also be provided that both sides should not hinder each other during the passage for the purpose of the above mentioned settlement by the troops of the other side over the territory occupied by the other side;

(b) Complete termination of transportation into Indo-China from abroad of new ground, naval and air units or personnel or any kind of arms and ammunition;

(c) To set up control over the implementation of the terms of agreement on the cessation of hostilities and to establish for this purpose in each of the three states mixed commissions composed of the representatives of the belligerent sides"—Reuter.

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The Communist Vietminh (Contd. on back page, Col. 8)

Eisenhower Holds A Top-Secret Meeting

Washington, May 10.

President Eisenhower held an unscheduled top-secret meeting with his top diplomatic and military advisers late today, presumably on the critical situation in Indo-China and Southeast Asia.

The White House meeting was held as the Senate was caught up in a sharp new partisan debate on Indo-China. Democrats charged the United States' world prestige had hit a new low. Republicans staunchly defended Mr Eisenhower and the Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles.

Present at the unannounced meeting with the President, which lasted nearly an hour, was Mr Dulles, the Defence Secretary, Mr Charles Wilson, and Admiral Arthur Radford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Reporters asked Mr Dulles afterward if the meeting involved Indo-China. The Secretary replied: "That's a pretty good guess, but I don't want to say any more."

Mr Dulles earlier held a new round of conferences with the diplomatic representatives of Australia, Thailand and the Philippines, three of the free nations he hopes to include in a proposed 10-nation Southeast Asia defence pact.

The Secretary faces another packed day tomorrow, when he will hold his first news conference since March 23 and lunch with Mr Eisenhower. Mr Dulles also plans further conferences with representatives of the three Associated States of Indo-China and France.

The State Department spokesman Mr Lincoln White, said the purpose of the meetings was to determine what nations would join the "united front" and what commitments they were prepared to make.—United Press.

Unexpected Warm Spell

London, May 10.

A surprise warm spell gave Britons their first glimpse of summer today.

Temperatures soared up into the 70s, surprising the experts as much as everyone else.

The cause is an anti-cyclone, which suddenly developed over France, then unexpectedly turned north instead of east to bring Britain the sun.

In London, climaxing a brilliantly sunny day, temperatures reached 75 degrees Fahrenheit in the late afternoon —15 degrees higher than at the same time yesterday.

The warmest place in the country was Leicester — 80 degrees.

The summery spell should last a few days, experts said today —China Mail Special.

MINISTERS DISCUSS HK GLOVES

Our Own Correspondent

London, May 10.

Three British ministers met Hongkong representatives today and talked—unofficially — about knitted gloves.

The "talks" took place on the Hongkong stand at the British Industries Fair between Mr Peter Thorneycroft, President of the Board of Trade, Lord Swinton, Secretary for Commonwealth Relations, and Mr Henry Hopkinson, Minister of State for the Colonies, and members of the Hongkong BIF delegation together with Mr E. G. A. Grimwood, Hongkong Government representative in London.

The ministers spent a considerable time examining samples of gloves—the most recent target for attack by rival British manufacturers.

The conversation was "off the record" and cordial throughout, but it can be said the visitors were visibly impressed by the high quality of the gloves.

On their departure they congratulated organisers on the wide range of goods on display.

FLIGHT RECORD

Chicago, May 10.

Pan-American World Airways said here today that its Clipper John Alden had set a new unofficial record for a flight from Shannon, Eire, to Chicago.

It reached here on Sunday 14 hours and four minutes after departure from Eire, bypassing Gander, Newfoundland because of weather conditions. Capt. John Stuart piloted.—United Press.

Cement Co's Precipitator To Reduce "Steam Screen" Now Being Tested

No smoke, or to be more correct steam, has been coming from the Green Island Cement Company's chimney stack at Hunghom since last week. The reasons? In the first place, maintenance work was being carried out; secondly the Company yesterday started tests with the new precipitator (smoke reducing) equipment, and further tests will be made during this week.

The new electrostatic precipitator was installed last Monday but tests did not begin until yesterday because the company was carrying out maintenance work on one of the kilns during the week.

A second precipitator, it is hoped, will be installed in about three months' time.

When both precipitators are working normally the familiar steam haze which floats across Kowloon should be considerably reduced. The precipitators are designed to take out virtually all the dust and smell from the steam. The company says however there will still be visible steam coming from the factory varying in amount with the humidity but this, it claims, will not be a nuisance to the public.

The installation of these electrostatic precipitators will cost the company about $700,000.

Because of the nuisance of the steam to plane pilots the company will be installing more equipment next year to reduce the hazard still more.

The company has approved the expenditure of $500,000 to buy a rotary slurry filter which is expected to reduce the water content of slurry fed into the kiln by more than 60 per cent. This should mean a reduction of 60 per cent in the steam coming from the company's chimneys.

It is expected this equipment will be delivered in Hongkong by next April and the company hopes to have this plant in operation by the end of 1955.

When this installation has been completed the company will have spent almost $1,500,000 on smoke - abatement measures.

Earthquake In Greece Causes Widespread Destruction

Thousands of people have been rendered homeless owing to earthquakes in Central Greece during the past ten days. This picture shows the village of Sophades. With devastation around them, people pitifully seek through the ruins of their home hoping to salvage some of their belongings from the wreckage. —London Express Photo.

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Wedding To Be Held In Mid-Air

Toulouse, May 10.

In her white wedding dress and confidently holding the hand of her bridegroom in evening dress in a steel cable 70 feet above the town square, a bride will say: "I will" at their mid-air wedding here on May 22.

Abbe Simon, who will conduct the wedding will be perched on top of the local fire brigade's highest ladder.

The tight rope walker, 20-year-old "Berry", and her 25-year-old bridegroom "Rogers", will cut the wedding cake on the tight rope.

Abbe Simon had to get permission from the Archbishop of Toulouse, Cardinal Saliege, and the city's authorities to conduct the wedding. — France-Presse.

HK Soldier Under Arrest

Manila, May 11.

The British Legation disclosed today that British Army deserter Pte. Ronald Mann has been under arrest here since early March and will be returned to Hongkong to face a charge of being absent without official leave.

The Legation said Pte. Mann was arrested by the Philippine authorities as an illegal immigrant and detained at the detention station on Engineer Island near the mouth of the Pasig River in Manila.

Pte. Mann, who was born in Cardiff, Wales, in 1916, joined the British Army in 1947 and was transferred to Hongkong in 1949, the Legation said.

According to a statement he gave the Legation, Pte. Mann desired the Army in Hongkong toward the end of 1951 and remained in Hongkong until February 1953, when he stowed away on a vessal bound for Manila. He was believed to have remained in Manila and its suburbs up to the time of his arrest.

The British Legation and Philippine authorities are making arrangements for Pte. Mann's return to Hongkong.—United Press.

Prison Sentence For Cruelty

London, May 10.

Edward L. Stevens was sentenced to three months imprisonment today for killing a kitten by throwing it into a furnace at the London newspaper office where he worked.

Magistrate Sir Laurence Dunne said he imposed the maximum penalty for causing the animal unnecessary suffering by "sheer wanton cruelty."—United Press.

Economic Aid For Persia

Teheran, May 10.

Persian and United States Government representatives signed an agreement here today under which Persia will receive a further nine million dollars (about £3,214,000) economic aid.

This brings the total United States aid to Persia since the overthrow of Dr Mohammed Mossadegh last August to 60 million dollars (about £21,428,000).

The United States Government has already granted the Government of General Fazlollah Zahedi aid amounted to 51 million dollars (about £18,214,000).

A spokesman for the Persian National Bank said last week that a sum of between five and ten million dollars would enable the Government to meet the budget deficit, pay civil servants salaries and maintain public service till the end of August.—Reuter.

Wharfies Boycott Shipping

Brisbane, May 10.

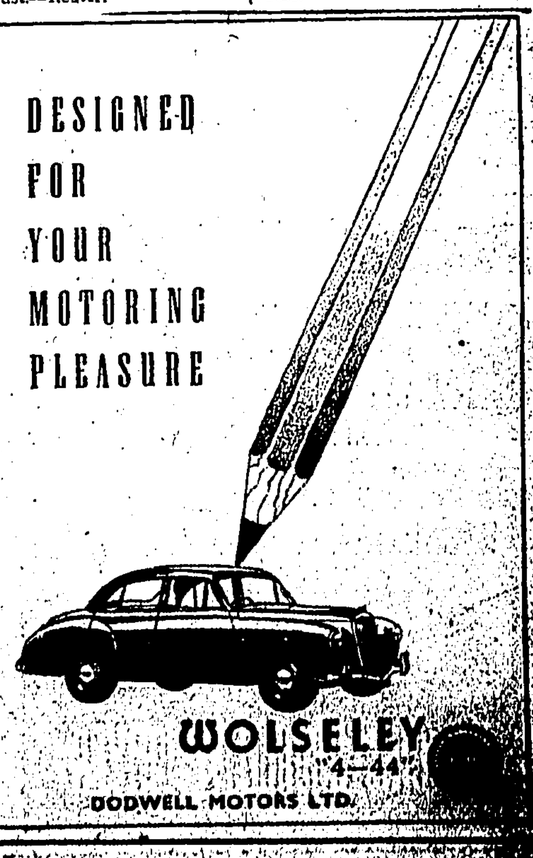
Wharf and dock workers at all North Queensland ports, fearing possible contamination from American hydrogen bomb tests in the Pacific, today imposed a sudden boycott on virtually all regular shipping from Japan, Indo-China and other Far Eastern countries.

They said that they would refuse to handle cargo from all ships using the Torres Strait until the vessels are made subject to scientific tests to determine whether or not they are free of radioactive H-bomb particles.

The 95-mile Torres Strait is a channel between the south coast of New Guinea and the northern coast of the Cape York Peninsula, Australia, which connects the Arafura Sea with the Coral Sea.

At the port of Cairns dock workers refused to unload a cargo of cement aboard the Chinese freighter Hai Chang from Japan until it has been tested for possible radio-activity.

Workers at ports in other coastal areas are likely to impose a similar ban. — United Press.



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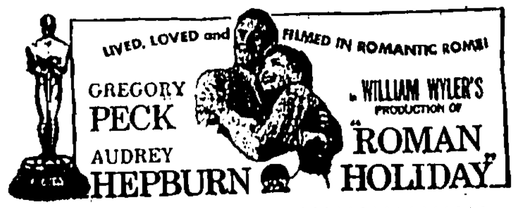

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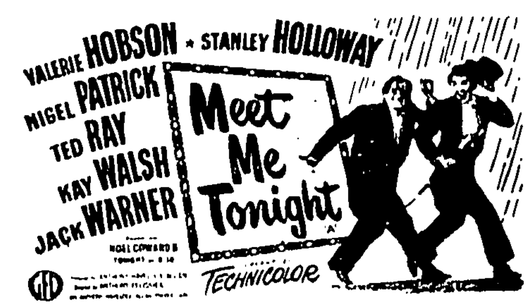

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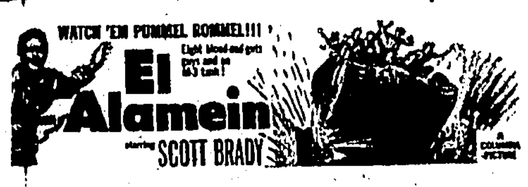

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Bedell Smith Attacks Vietminh Proposals At Geneva

AMERICA BACKS FRENCH PLAN

Safeguards For Indo-China Settlement Stated

Geneva, May 10.

The Assistant Secretary of State, Mr Bedell Smith, said today that any settlement in Indo-China "must include provisions for effective international supervision and the assurance of powers and privileges on the part of the international supervising authority to enable it to carry out its responsibilities."

He added: "The United States welcomes the French initiative and believes the French representative has made a helpful contribution toward the restoration of peace in Indo-China.

"The French proposals are consistent with the general principles to which any satisfactory settlement must confirm. In our opinion they should be accompanied by a programme for the resolution of political problems.

"We look forward to hearing the views of the Government of Vietnam on such a programme.

"The United States notes the French proposal that agreements shall be guaranteed by the states participating in the Geneva conference," General Bedell Smith said.

"The United States has already demonstrated its devotion to the principle of collective security and its willingness to help in the development of collective security arrangements in Southeast Asia as elsewhere.

"Until it is possible to see more clearly the exact nature of the agreement to be guaranteed and to determine the obligations of the guarantors we will of course not be able to express any judgment on this section of the proposal.

"The United States delegation suggests that the conference adopt the French proposal as a basis of discussion and hopes that we will move forward constructively and rapidly in bringing about a restoration of peace in Indo-China.

"The American delegation has listened with sympathy to the factual recital of the representatives of Cambodia and Laos and will study with interest their proposals for the restoration of peace in Indo-China and Laos."

Mr Bedell Smith said that his delegation welcomed warmly the proposals made and accepted today for the evacuation of the long suffering wounded of Dien Bien Phu.

He added that the delegation "hopes sincerely that this evacuation will be effected without delay."

At the Salvation Army's High Council meeting at Sunbury-on-Thames last week was Commissioner M. Uyemura, of Japan. The meeting was held to elect a new leader to succeed General Albert Osborn, who is retiring in June.

"Remarkable Effrontery"

He then attacked as a "remarkable distortion" the speech by Mr Pham Van Dong.

He said: "The Vietminh spokesman is well trained in the Communist technique of distorting history and calling black white. The world has learned to evaluate such spurious allegations.

"The charges made against the United States by the Vietminh representative are substantially identical with those made by other Communist representatives during the opening phase of the Korean discussion.

"They have been already amply and adequately refuted and I see no reason to divert this conference from its important task by according them further attention.

"I cannot, however, refrain from commenting on his remarkable effrontery in describing the brutal Vietminh aggression against Cambodia and Laos as a movement of liberation.

"At present I will merely say it is extremely difficult to believe that the Vietminh representative has come to this conference with any intention of negotiating a just and durable peace."

Mr Bedell Smith said the United States hoped sincerely that the conference would result in the restoration of peace in Indo-China and in the opportunity for Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam to enjoy their independence "under conditions of a real and lasting peace."

The United States maintained that the first principle of any Indo-China settlement must be to assure the independence and freedom of the three states.

He added: "The United States has shown in many ways its sympathy for the effort of the Associated States to safeguard their independence. We have provided material aid to France and the Associated States to assist them in this effort and have given them support to enable them to resist open invasion from without their borders.

"We will continue to do so."—Reuter.

Have The Russians Heard Of Pathet-Lao And Khmer

Molotov Stuttered And His Official Was Evasive

Geneva, May 10.

Western officials have met with "red herring" answers wherever they question Russian spokesmen on the two "phantom" governments of Pathet-Lao (Laos) and Khmer (Cambodia), which the Communists had been trying to seat at the Indo-China peace conference.

According to Western delegates, the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr V. M. Molotov, had to search through his notes at Saturday's sessions to find the names of the two alleged states.

And then he stuttered trying to pronounce them, causing Western delegates to chuckle with laughter.

The following question and answer routine took place at the Soviet press conference which followed the disclosure of Communist demands for the seating of the two "phantom" delegations.

Question—When did Soviet Russia recognise Khmer and Pathet-Lao, who is their Foreign Minister and who are their ambassadors in Moscow?

Soviet spokesman—I suggest you address that question to the representatives of Khmer and Pathet-Lao.

Question — Are there any diplomatic relations between Khmer, Pathet-Lao and Soviet Russia?

Spokesman—I have already replied to that question just now.

Question—If we were to say that Soviet Russia has not recognised Khmer and Pathet-Lao would that be correct?

Spokesman — I refer to my earlier answer.

Question—Have you ever met any inhabitants of Khmer and Pathet-Lao?

Spokesman—I think you are making fun of your own question. And I heartily agree with you. I myself am roaring with laughter (with a dead-pan face).—United Press.

Now Windscreens Crack In Japan

Tokyo, May 10.

The "pitted windscreens" epidemic hit Japan today.

Three car-owners reported that windows on their motor-cars had cracked mysteriously within the past 48 hours in a repetition of the epidemic which hit car-owners recently in Great Britain and the United States.

As in those countries, no one here had any explanation for the phenomenon.

The first of the incidents occurred on Saturday night at Kawasaki, 10 miles south of Tokoy.

When taxi driver Yoshizo Enomoto opened the door of his 1951 Pontiac, and sat down in the driver's seat, there was a "pop like an electric bulb breaking," he said. When he looked around, the back windscreen of his car showed several large cracks.

There followed a succession of smaller crackling sounds, and within 15 minutes, Enomoto said, the entire windscreen was a fine "mosaic pattern of cracks so thick it was difficult to see through them."

The second occurred at Funabashi city, 15 miles east of Tokyo, last night. While driving home in the rain, Toshiro Kosuge reported that there was a crack and the window in the front door of his 1954 Hillman developed several large cracks which continued to spread.

"When I attempted to remove the window at home, it crumbled into dust," he said.

This morning, when chauffeur Mizuho Mogi opened the door of his employer's German-made DKW car, the side window cracked in several places.—United Press.

Why Was Soviet Ballet Cancelled?

Paris, May 10.

Foreign Ministry and Interior Ministry sources tonight declined to say what reasons the French Premier, M. Joseph Laniel, gave to the Soviet Ambassador, M. Pavel Vinogradov, this morning when he told him that the performances of the visiting Soviet ballet company were called off indefinitely.

It was understood, however, that the Ministry of the Interior had received information that anti-Soviet demonstrations would take place inside the opera house, where the Soviet dancers were to have given their first performance tonight.

Preparations for the visit of the Soviet dancers, who arrived here last week with the famed ballerina Galina Ulanova, had been made long in advance, and were arranged as a counterpart to the visit, of the actors of the Comedie Francaise in Moscow last month.

The initial performance was to have taken place last Saturday, but this was cancelled when all the French theatres closed down because of the fall of Dien Bien Phu.—France Presse.

No Germans Being Trained In USA

Washington, May 10.

The Defence Department said today that no German military personnel were being trained by the United States either in this country or elsewhere.

In answer to questions, a spokesman said there was no training of Germans under the military assistance programme, there was no plan for such training, and there was no legal basis for it in the mutual defence pact.

The only training that had been done, the spokesman said, involved some small guard companies trained in Germany for guard duty early in the occupation.—United Press.

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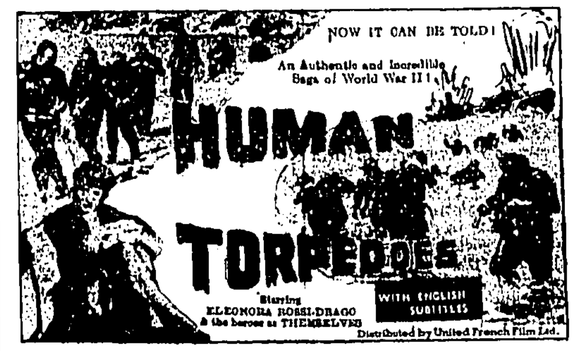

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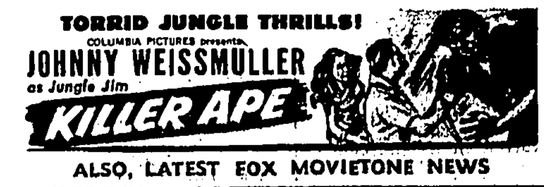

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NEW ANTI-COMMUNIST MOVES IN AMERICA

Brownell's Proposed Action Against Unions And Firms

Washington, May 10.

The Attorney General, Mr Herbert Brownell, Jr., asked Congress today to let the Government "kill off" any Communist-dominated business firm or labour union "in a position to affect adversely the national defence or security of the United States."

He also asked for a law to bar subversives from strategic factories engaged chiefly in civilian production.

Mr Brownell's request for the drastic new anti-subversive laws was contained in letters to Vice-President Richard Nixon and the House Speaker, Representative Joseph Martin.

He said the National Security Council, the nation's highest policy body, had found that subversives in defence installations "constitute a definite peril to national security."

Senator Homer Ferguson promptly introduced both bills in the Senate. He said they were needed to "close two loopholes which now enable subversives to undermine the safety and security of the United States."

The measures are aimed at carrying out the Attorney General's recent proposals for the Administration to take the lead in seeking out Communists and subversives. The request was sent to Congress less than 24 hours after the announcement of a new "security" division within the Justice Department to track down spies and subversives.

One proposal would build on and sharply toughen the McCarran anti-subversive law passed by Congress over former President Truman's veto in 1950. It would define a new type of Communist organisation (other business firm or labour union called a "Communist infiltrated organisation".

"FURTHER ORDERS"

Mr Brownell said this would be any group "substantially directed, dominated or controlled by a Communist-action organisation or by a member or members thereof, and in a position to affect adversely the national defence or security of the United States".

Under the proposed law, Mr Brownell could compel hearings before the Subversive Activities Control Board to determine whether such a business or labour union was Communist-dominated. If the Board found this to be the case, the Board could issue "further detailed orders" to liquidate the organisation and its component parts.

In the case of labour unions, no employer would be required to bargain with a union found to be "Communist infiltrated" and any such union shop provisions in its contracts would be "nullified".

Firms or unions found to be "Communist infiltrated" would be barred from access to the National Labour Relations Board. No employer however could discriminate against an individual employee solely because he remained a member of such a union, unless the worker tried to compel the employer to recognise the Union.

IN TIME OF WAR

Mr Brownell's proposals did not indicate which firms or unions might be included. Informed officials said in time of war it might cover almost every type of business activity in the nation.

The Subversive Activities Control Board in weighing a Communist-controlled business firm, would be instructed to take into consideration the rights of stockholders. As it now the case, the Board's decisions are subject to appeals in courts.

Mr Brownell said the measure "would impose substantial liabilities on any organisation" determined to be Communist-infiltrated, by final order of the Board.

Mr Brownell's second proposed measure would let the Government bar subversives from strategic civilian-goods factories, in addition to present power to keep such persons from defence plants.—United Press.

Radio Auction Raises Money For The Abbey

Sydney, May 10.

Maundy coins, a set of shark's teeth, an ashtray from New South Wales' Royal train and a set of racehorse shoes were among items sold in a radio auction to raise funds for the Westminster Abbey Restoration Fund.

During the auction believed to be the first of its kind in New South Wales, 720 telephone calls were received at the studio.

A Canadian, Mr R. Wilson, paid 35 guineas sterling for the ashtray, a set of four Maundy coins whose face value is tenpence fetched £50 sterling, and the set of shoes used by racehorse Blue Ocean when he won the Queen Elizabeth Stakes at Randwick brought 10 guineas sterling.

Sixty squares of red carpet used at the Royal State banquet went for between one and two guineas sterling. The "squares" were the size of a handkerchief. Profits totalled about £1,000 sterling.—China Mail Special.

Soviet Threat To US Atomic Plan

Washington, May 10.

United States officials said today Russia had repeated previous demands that President Eisenhower's "atoms-for-peace plan" be linked with unconditional prohibition of nuclear weapons by the Great Powers.

These demands, they said, indicated little progress was being made in negotiations on the plan. But, one official said, "we don't regard this as a final turn-down."

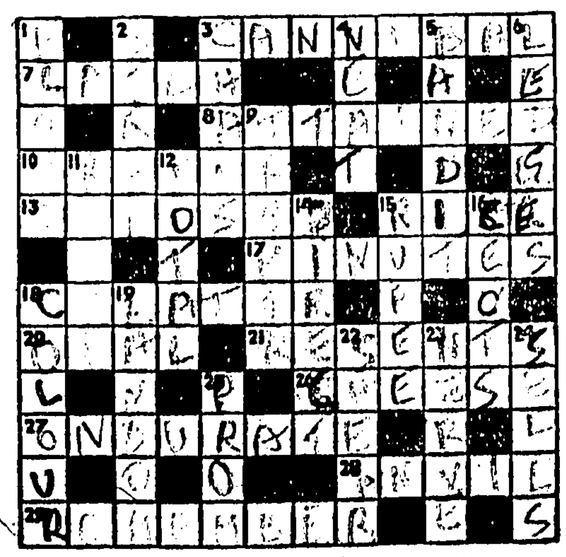
A report from Geneva in the New York Times today said the Soviet position practically doomed the President's proposal.

The White House said in connection with the Times story that the latest Soviet message on the atom plan was still being studied by the United States Government.

The Press Secretary of the White House, Mr James C. Hagerty, recalled a joint statement issued by the U.S. Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles and the Russian Foreign Minister, Mr V. Molotov.

This statement was made at Geneva on May 1 in which Mr Dulles and Mr Molotov said that a Soviet reply to the Eisenhower proposal would be considered by the United States Government in Washington.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

3 Eater of human flesh (8).
7 Fastener (5).
8 Reached (8).
10 Speaker (6).
13 Removed from power (7).
15 Climb (4).
17 Periods of time (7).
18 Guardian (7).
20 Spoken (4).
21 Takes ill (7).
26 Milk preparation (6).
27 Stubborn (8).
28 Striking block (5).
29 Mental jog (8).

DOWN

1 Deluge (5).
2 Binder (5).
3 Utter confusion (5).
4 Nicely made (4).
5 Brigand (6).
6 Shelves (6).
9 Qunko (6).
11 Repeat (5).
12 Gum (5).
14 Straightforward (6).
15 Indian coin (5).
16 Denominations (5).
18 Hue (6).
19 Haphazard (6).
22 Clip (5).
23 Pluck (5).
24 Disposes of (5).
25 Golf-club (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.— Across: 1 Spread, 5 Astir, 8 Cease, 9 Assail, 10 Prune, 11 Denim, 12 Doom, 13 Races, 16 Repent, 18 Erased, 20 Doses, 22 Firm, 23 Scalp, 25 Vista, 26 Elapse, 27 Elite, 28 Deeds, 29 Saddle. Down: 1 Standard, 2 Restores, 3 Acid, 4 Deletes, 5 Aspired, 6 Seaman, 7 Issue, 14 Stripped, 15 Stampede, 16 Rascals, 17 Pellets, 19 Rested, 21 Opine, 24 Plea.

American PoW Writes From China

Letter From Ti Yuan

Alden, Minnesota, May 10.

Private Richard Tenneson, 20, one of the Allied PoWs in Korea who chose to stay with the Communists, has written to his mother, Mrs Portia Howe, about life in Communist China.

Mrs Howe said she had received the letter on Saturday and that it was post-marked Ti Yuan, China. The postmark on the letter was March 28.

Although she said she would not want the contents of the letter published, Mrs Howe indicated that the three-page letter was taken up with details of his life in China under the Communists.

She said that he wrote that he was well and happy and was taking a rest before going to work. He did not indicate what the work was or what he had been doing since he elected to stay with the Communists along with the other American PoWs.

Tenneson did not mention anything about the other Americans.

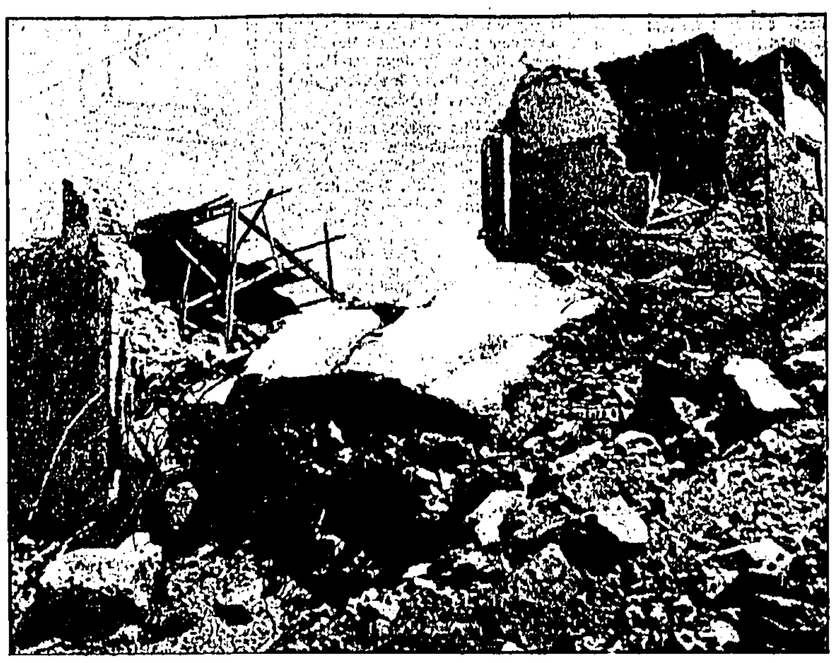
Mrs Howe, who had made a trip to Tokyo in a futile attempt to persuade her son to return home, said that in the letter he gave no indication that he was home sick, but he did mention that he would be happy when Summer came so that he could get ice cream.

He said that the Chinese only had ice cream in the Summer.

Mrs Howe was not allowed to visit her son in the Red prisoner of war exchange camp after flying to Korea. She received a cold letter from her son in which he told her he had no intention of returning home.

The only other message she received was a telegram of greeting on New Year's Day.—United Press.

Earthquake's Destruction



More pictures of the recent Greek earthquake: This one, above, was taken in the village of Sophades the worst stricken of the villages affected. The picture on the left was also taken in the village of Sophades. Still suffering from shock, her head bandaged this person presents a typical picture as she stands surrounded by debris. — Express Photo.

They Gave Them Nuts And Played For Half An Hour

Charles And Anne Make Friends With Gib's 40 Apes

Gibraltar, May 10.

Prince Charles and Princess Anne had the most exciting experience of their homeward journey today when they spent nearly half an hour playing with the apes on the rock of Gibraltar.

Armed each with a handful of peanuts the Royal children happily ran from one ape to another feeding these friendly members of the Gibraltar garrison.

Prince Charles in a green linen shirt and shorts and Princess Anne in a green print short-sleeved dress arrived in an open touring car both wearing white sun hats.

Meanwhile the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh carried out their three-hour official programme.

Although some of the apes sometimes snatched for the nuts, Princess Anne was quite fearless. Prince Charles was about to put a peanut into a beseeching paw of one of the larger apes when he noticed a flaw and exclaimed "Ooh, that one has got a crack in it"—and promptly selected a better nut.

The apes, which are to be seen by the Queen and the Duke tomorrow, total about 40 on the rock.

Each is named, its parentage is entered in the garrison records and 4d per day is allowed for its upkeep. Tradition has it that when the apes leave the rock, the British will leave Gibraltar.—China Mail Special.

Swiss Conductor For Japanese Orchestra

Berne, May 10.

Niklaus Eschbacher, conductor at the Berno Municipal Theatre, today announced his appointment as conductor of the N.H.K. (Japanese Broadcasting Company Symphony Orchestra.)

He told Reuter he would leave for Tokyo at the beginning of September to take up his new post.

Eschbacher, who is 37, is the son of a musician who taught singing in Zurich secondary schools.

His brother Adrian is a pianist, a second brother, having under the pseudonym of Rudolf Ambach, won a first prize for musical execution at the annual Geneva International Competition.

He studied first in Zurich under well known piano teachers, then spent three years in Berlin at the National Music School.—Reuter.

Millionaire's Yacht Will Carry A Plane

London.

The Greek millionaire shipowner, Mr A. S. Onassis, owner of some of the largest oil tankers, is building what is believed will be the most luxurious yacht afloat.

A former Canadian frigate is being converted for Mr Onassis into a yacht at a German shipyard. The vessel will be renamed Christina.

The yacht will have a speed of 18 knots.

Apart from the owner's private suite, she will have accommodation for 15 passengers.

There will be a complete surgery on board.

On the after-deck there will be an amphibious aircraft, a fast launch and a sailing boat, as well as the usual life-saving appliances.

FLEET OF TANKERS

Mr Onassis is already building a fleet of tankers in German yards.

He will provide a fleet of 25 tankers, totalling 500,000 tons. Nearly £100 million will be spent on this fleet.

Mr Onassis started in the shipping business with a second-hand Canadian cargo ship which he bought in 1931. — (London Express Service).

Beware Of TV Teeth

London.

Dentists warn parents today to beware of "TV teeth."

Says a report by the British Dental Association: "Watch your children while they are watching TV.

"Do they sit with their heads held between their hands, pressing either side against their jaws? Such seemingly harmless habits may actually endanger the teeth, and if persisted in may do permanent harm.

"During the first 10 years of life the teeth will move readily from their normal position under quite slight pressure. The irregularities so caused can lead to decay, disfigurement, and the loss of teeth."—(London Express Service).

What Two American Senators Think Of Mr Dulles

Washington, May 10.

Senator Estes Kefauver (Democrat, Tennessee), said in the Senate today United States leadership was "now at the lowest point since the day the United States entered World War II."

He added: "The conference at Geneva was a failure before it started. The reason for that failure lies very largely in this body, in the Senate of the United States."

"We sent to Geneva a Secretary of State (Mr John Foster Dulles) with his hand tied behind his back without the power to negotiate freely for the simple and tragic reason that he did not have the full confidence and support of members of his own party (the Republican Party), in the Senate of the United States."

Senator Kefauver, former prospective Democratic candidate for the Presidency, said the likely results of the Geneva conference would be no acceptable peace in Korea and a possible permanent foothold in Indo-China for the Communists "while we look on helplessly."

He said the "most consistent and effective support of the foreign policy of the United States, where it has been wise, has come from the Democrats. Yet we have been little consulted. Our party and its leaders have been reviled."

Senator Ralph Flanders (Republican, Vermont), told the Senate that United States foreign policy continued to be "perilous and cloudy," and cautioned against too much reliance on United States military power.

He said the war in Indo-China was simply another part "of a programme of world conquest which has been publicly announced time after time by the leaders of the Soviet Government."

FOLLOW DULLES TO WAR

If the United States failed to stop the advance of international Communism "we will be surrounded by an Iron Curtain not of our own making by a Communist Asia, Africa, Latin America and, ultimately, Europe."

Senator Wayne Morse (Independent, Oregon), making another of his attacks on the Eisenhower Administration's policy in Southeast Asia, said that to follow the lead of Mr Dulles, would be to follow "the administration into war in Asia."

Mr Dulles had "demonstrated time and again that he follows the point of view of those who would lead us into war," he added.

Senator Morse said Mr Dulles had made one mistake after another in his Asian policy—"the latest was the fiasco at Geneva."

The United States should never intervene militarily in Indo-China except through the United Nations and through a well co-ordinated policy worked out with its allies, he added.

The West must "sell" Southeast Asia Democracy by "meeting the economic needs" of the area.—Reuter.

Australian Elections

Mr Menzies Opens His Campaign

Melbourne, May 10.

The Australian Prime Minister, Mr R. G. Menzies, forecast new tax cuts in the next budget and declared: "Australia's finances were never more solid, her prosperity never so notable and her Treasury never more solvent."

Mr Menzies was opening the Liberal-Country Party coalition's campaign for the May 29 General Election for a new House of Representatives.

He said the Government was giving all the aid it could to the search for oil. If it turned out that the Commonwealth possessed large natural resources of oil, it would "have revolutionary effects upon our local and international financial and economic position."

On National Defence, Mr Menzies said: "We will rebalance our expenditure so as to place the emphasis on air defence and equipment." Modifications already announced in the Navy and Army programmes would not mean cutting the overall defence vote of £A200 million.

In a review of the Australian Government's banking legislation, the Prime Minister said trading banks could not again be loaded with uncalled liabilities of an unmanageable kind.

The Government, he said, had pursued a policy of reducing compulsory controls and improving mutual co-operation.

Capital issues control had lapsed, advance policy instruction suspended and exchange control made more flexible.

Further adjustments may be made in the light of experience, Mr Menzies said. "But we have reason for confidence that broadly speaking, and subject to any future Government with a majority in both Houses, the present system will ensure a strong Central Bank and a series of competitive trading banks able to give a banking service which combines free popular choice and assured security."—China Mail Special.

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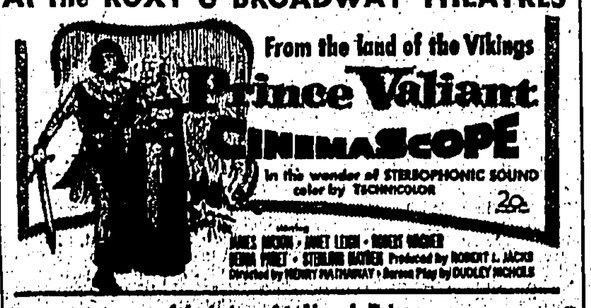
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IT'S CAFE SOCIETY

EVE PERRICK charts the social whirl of the night life in the London West End upper brackets

London.

I HEARD Lord Porchester say to Princess Margaret: "The trouble with the Agricultural Wages Act . . ."

Mr Danny Kaye (remember him?) is coming to London—fifth time round—in a fortnight's time. Mr Noel Coward has just got back. A party is being arranged in their honour. Invitations have just been sent to, among others, the Marchioness of Dufferin and Ava, Lord and Lady Norwich, Earl and Countess Jellicoe, Mr Terence Rattigan, Mr David Metcalfe, Sir Laurence and Lady Olivier, Sir Laurence and Lady Olivier, and the Fairbankses, of course. . . .

How is it that I know what a royal lady and her noble escort talk about when the music's sweet and the lights are low?

How is it that a host of men and women of distinction — titled or talented or both — will rush to cry welcome to an American entertainer?

Just one or two of these things that happen all the time in that cosy, chic little world known as "cafe society."

THOSE WHO

Cafe society, in case you are puzzled by that oft-used term of reference, means exactly what it implies: the people who frequent the cafes; cafes, always with the accented e, covering night and supper clubs, restaurants, bars, or any smallish enclosed space that stays open late and charges enough (£1 just to go in, in some places) to keep the masses away.

Its original founder-member of the British branch was the Duke of Windsor who brought it here from the States.

He moved from the big hotel ballrooms, where he had hitherto spent most of his night-out, into the matier and murkier atmosphere of the small clubs and restaurants

With him went his regular table companions and followers —the Mountbattens, the Duff Coopers, Lady Emerald Cunard, and the American-born Thelma, Lady Furness.

Naturally, it was not long, and still sticking to the American way of life, before the aristocrats were sharing tables with the artists.

One stage further, and parties were being given in the Mountbattens' Park Lane penthouse in honour of film stars, like Douglas Fairbanks I.

(Several stages and many years later, Doug II reciprocated by inviting the Queen to his house.)

Cafe society was off to a good start. And there has never been any time since it began here when it has not had royal patronage.

FAVOURED SPOT

After the Abdication the late Duke of Kent who, among the brother Princes, had always shared the Duke of Windsor's tastes and interests, took over from him. With Kent came his lovely wife, the gay Grecian princess

The Duke and Duchess of Kent were there on the night in 1935 that the "400" club opened. The Duchess still goes there, and it was to that favoured spot she introduced the two Princesses during the early post-war years.

Now the sons and daughters of the old "Prince of Wales set" go along there with the Princess, and are known as the Margaret set

That is the success story of society, from the King's son to the Queen's sister . . .

Not bad for something that began in the speakeasies of New York during Prohibition

And this is now it all began.

Long, long ago an American arbiter on social usage and abusage selected just 400 names as being the only people worthy to attend the annual ball given by Mrs William Astor, widow of the grandson of the first John Jacob. (The present John Jacob Astor and his wife Chiquita are among London's most-seen-around cafe socialites.)

BREAKAWAY

But the New York Social Register contained 40,000 names. Perhaps the excommunicated 39,600 decided to put on a counter-attraction. Or maybe Mrs Astor's parties were boring.

Anyway, there was a big breakaway movement from the sort of at-home entertaining with powdered footmen handing round the gold plate. Instead, there were jolly junketings in the 52nd Street basements, with bootleggers delivering the drink at the back door.

When the cafe society habit crossed the Atlantic there was no Prohibition to give it the exciting aura of illegality—but there were our awkward licensing hours.

The night club emerged from being a penny-plain hole-in-the-wall to a plushy palace, competing with the new super-cinemas in the way of ornate decor.

Ciros, which ended a here-today-and-gone tomorrow existence just a few weeks ago, had as many changes of decoration—from fishnets to butterflies, painted murals to red velvet—as it did owners and managers.

Some cafe society salons, like the Kit-Kat, which never did survive a raid at which the then Home Secretary, Joynson-Hicks, was among those involved, had the briefest of heydays.

Others—the peach satin, ice-cream-gateau-cavern, the Cafe de Paris; the gold-silk, dim and discreet "400" (all, incidentally, fully fire-proofed)—live on as smart-to - be - seen - at places. Places where a wisely spent £6 a head (if you pick the right night) will buy you a ringside seat at the West End's brightest and longest-running show.

MOTLEY CAST

Look at the cast! A motley group of aristocrats, actors, and artists; barons and bankers and brewers; counts and cameramen and characters; dukes and dressmakers and dumb-blondes.

Almost anyone can join. To be accepted as a life-member, though, needs a fair amount of money and/or charm, talent wit, good looks, fashion sense energy. Or a lesser amount of any three, plus plain perseverance.

TOMORROW:
Who Goes Where?

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DILEMMA in duplicate

Two forgotten plans hold the key to today's news-problem

MY wife wanted me to burn the lot. "Get rid of this old rubbish," she said, pointing at a box full of papers. "You never look at them. They only pick up the dust."

But I did not burn them. Instead, I looked over the papers.

And that is how I have come to rediscover two forgotten documents which, dusty and grimy though they are, nevertheless are of the most up-to-the-minute relevance.

For each in its own way does more to light up the French dilemma over German rearmament and the war in Indo-China than the most eloquent speech by M. Bidault or General de Gaulle.

DOCUMENT NO. 1 is a souvenir I picked up back in 1946 from among the rubble that had been Hitler's Chancellery in Berlin. It is a 39-page typed memorandum for the Fuehrer.

Its title: "The Frontier between Germany and France."

Its author: W. Stuckart, Secretary of State in Hitler's Ministry of the Interior. Stuckart has signed my copy of the memorandum in his own hand and added the date it was delivered—14th June 1940—nine days before France capitulated.

'Injustice'

WHAT the memorandum proposes is the annexation by Germany of the entire French territory running from the Channel coast down to the Swiss frontier and comprising, as Stuckart points out himself: "Economically the most important and valuable part of France."

The territory includes Dunkirk, Lille, Cambrai and Valenciennes, Calais, Boulogne and Arras, Charleville and Sedan, and Verdun, and about 7,000,000 people live there.

Says the memorandum: "It may be said that the new frontier . . . if combined with a suitable settlement and population policy, is designed to put an end to the thousand-year struggle for the Rhine, in favour of the German people.

"It is an atonement for the injustice done a hundred-fold by France to Germany with its unjustifiable attempt during the last 1,000 years to extend its realm to the Rhine."

Now, no doubt, some of the British protagonists of German rearmament will call this "old, out-of-date stuff, with no relevance to the new Germany of Dr Adenauer."

I doubt whether a Frenchman would agree with them. I certainly do not. For the significant thing about this annexation plan is the personality of its author.

Significant

THIS Wilhelm Stuckart is the same Wilhelm Stuckart who, until his death in a motor smash six months ago, was vice-president of the Refugees' Party."

And that is a position that put him right in the centre of Dr Adenauer's policy-making group.

For the "Refugees' Party" is one of the parties making up the Adenauer coalition. It is represented by three Ministers in Adenauer's Cabinet, all three former Nazi high-ups and protagonists of the Greater Germany.

Equally significant is Stuckart's intimate association with Dr Hans Globke, who as State Secretary in Adenauer's Chancellery is the most influential, behind-the-scenes figure in present-day Germany.

Dr Globke was Stuckart's deputy in the old Nazi Ministry. As he told me himself, when I called on him in Bonn recently, he was co-author with Stuckart of many important memoranda — among others the famous commentary on the Nuremberg laws against the Jews.

I do not know whether he had a share in this plan for the truncation of France.

But it is made up to date enough, anyway, by the presence in the highest German Cabinet position of Stuckart's party colleagues.

Document No. 2 is a French memorandum which I brought back with me from Hanoi last year. It shows up what the French claim to have been the important role played by the Americans in building up the power of Communist leader Ho Chi-minh in 1945 after the Japanese surrender.

The indictment is twofold.

1 WHILE the British who re-occupied the southern half of Indo-China hastened to transfer its administration to the French—with the result that southern Indo-China is today comparatively free from the Communists — the Americans controlling the northern half handed it over to the Chinese of General Chiang Kai-shek.

In so doing, the Americans were actuated, the French claim, by anti-Imperialist, anti-colonial prejudice against them.

2 AT THE same time the American secret service organisation O.S.S. (Office of Strategic Services) supplied Ho Chi-minh's Communist organisation (which then masqueraded as Nationalist) with funds and arms in return for Intelligence.

Ironic reading this, for a Frenchman. Illuminating for you and me. For today the roles are reversed. It is the Americans who want the French to hang on in Indo-China.

French reluctance, however, is understandable.

Important sections of the French out in Indo-China, I found when I was there last year, have spent the last few years getting much of their assets out of that country.

For French interest in Indo-China, these people maintain, is now a matter of prestige, not money.

In Paris at the same time policy-makers are averse to the implications of the American plan that while Germany is being rearmed in Europe France should battle on in Indo-China.

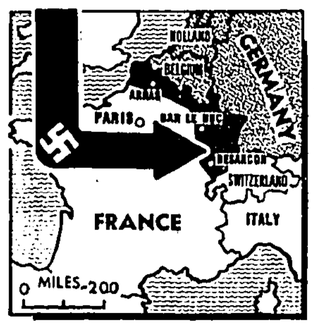
"This," they argue, "means that our army is deprived of its best instructors and that we must inevitably become inferior militarily to the rearmed Germans in Europe."

And they do not trust these Germans, among whom the friends of annexationist Stuckart are once more getting on top.

Yes, I am very glad my wife led me to rediscover those two documents.

—(London Express Service)

SEFTON DELMER'S Newsmap...



A Hitler grab-plan turns up in a dusty file to illumine the problem France faces today. The heavily shaded area of the map shows the part of France that, it was proposed, the Germans should annex.

STEN GUNS IN GENEVA

From Ernest Ashwick

Geneva.

I TOOK a quiet morning ride through the "Communist enclave" on the outskirts of Geneva just to see how Mr Molotov, in his £300 a month villa, and Mr Chou En-lai, in his £250 a month villa, were spending the hours between talks on Indo-China and Korea.

It was a bright sunny morning and the bells of the tiny church at Genthod—one hundred yards from Mr Molotov's bedroom window—were chiming out in competition with the birds.

But somehow the beautiful, quaint old-fashioned Genthod village did not look the same. The first shadow was at the level crossing leading up the hill to the village.

Two Swiss soldiers, tin-hatted and Sten-gunned, were guarding the crossing. A hundred yards further on I hit the barrage. Swiss military guards, mobile transmitters, machine-guns and what-have-you were there.

Passes were asked for. I have one, but Swiss citizens on their morning walks to the local were turned back.

Never, even in the very height of the war, has the peaceful Swiss seen so much display of arms.

In the villa that marks the boundary of Molotov's park there is no sign of any friendly neighbourliness. The two families there, one French and one British, are practically in an armed camp. Troops are billeted on their lawn and in the cellars. Every two minutes a two-man armed guard tours the garden. If the innocent residents come home late at night, Swiss soldiers jump out of bushes and shout half in a guttural Swiss-German accent.

And beware if they do not obey. The officer in charge has warned them that after the third command the soldiers have been ordered to shoot to kill.

NO FLAG

Molotov will not have the Swiss in his garden, so they have to guard him from other people's properties.

No Russian flag is flying from his villa's flagpole, and in the grounds brown-suited, heavy-booted armed Russians constantly wander around.

For despite the Swiss efforts, the Russians are taking no chances.

At Chou En-lai's villa, a mile away, the situation is the same, but the Chinese Communist flag is waving in the wind.

Machine-gun posts all around the grounds cover every inch of the territory.

There is little contact between the Russians and Chinese outside the official talks. Although nine tons of foodstuffs, including caviar and vodka, have been brought in by air from Moscow for the Russians, they are not sharing it with Mr Chou En-lai. He had to send a group of his men and two lorries to Geneva to buy foodstuffs from the best and most expensive shops. The bill in one shop was £280.

The 200-strong Russian delegation at the Hotel Metropole are proving to be big buyers of other things too.

WANTED—NYLONS

They have ordered thousands of pairs of nylon stockings, and some watch shops in the centre of Geneva have sold practically all their stock to them and the Chinese.

But some Russians have expressed disapproval of Western drinks.

At one cafe four of them ordered the strongest Swiss liquor, emptied their glasses, then threw them down in disgust. The stuff was water, they said, and they refused to pay.

Nevertheless, night clubs are doing a roaring trade.

But the Swiss, after the first few days of the excitement, are now asking: "When will it finish?"

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LILLI WILL TREAD THE GRAPES IN NYLONS

WHEN I telephoned Lilli Palmer (Mrs Rex Harrison) to ask for an interview, there was a considerable edge to her voice.

"You wish to talk to my husband—or *me*?" she queried, oncoming as a streetful of broken glass.

"You, of course," I rejoined, and I meant it—because I prefer interviewing pretty women to men, however handsome. (Why is this? I don't know.)

There ensued slight thaw, and anyway that evening there I was, in a perfectly huge, flower-bedecked apartment on the edge of Berkeley Square, clutching a gin and tonic, and gazing attentively at this woman.

She is extremely chic, intelligent, sophisticated, as well as being attractive as an afterthought. She had on a dark blue coat-and-skirt job (the skirt pleated) and a light mauve jersey.

The familiar mass of off-mahogany hair was piled up just so, and underneath was this lovely face—its shape is so good—with the shadows round the jaw-bone, and the big dark eyes and what have you. I was entranced.

I said the first thing that came into my head. This gambit is frequently disastrous, but this time it paid off.

I said: "I saw you and your husband in the very amusing 'Bell, Book, and Candle' in New York in 1951. You are going to put it on in London this autumn, I hear—but what will you do about the cat?"

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Point is that a Siamese cat plays a prominent role in the play. It has to miaow at exactly the right moments, and everyone on Broadway thought that it was given a surreptitious pinch.

"No," said Miss Palmer. "It does not need the pinch. It talks because it feels like it."

And suddenly I realised a certain kinship. Miss Palmer and the Siamese cat. Both beautiful to look upon. Both articulate without being pinched. Both disdainful but not unmindful of attention.

We were chaperoned, Miss Palmer and I and my gin and tonic, chaperoned by Carey, the 10-year-old son of Miss P. and Mr Rex H. There he was, the spit and image of his father, kneeling on the drawing-room floor, playing a game of elaborately miniature cricket.

Since he has just come from New York, and is destined eventually for Eton, he has, of course, to know about cricket. So he is learning it the hard way. In miniature.

I took the bold course and told Miss Palmer that I thought she had sounded on the telephone like a woman with a temper. What about it?

Miss Palmer's lovely eyes darkened, like clouds as the storm shows up. "Yes, I have a temper," she said (not admitting it but insisting on it). "Also I am famous for saying the wrong thing. I say exactly what comes into my mind. For better or for worse. Take it or leave it.

"I am terribly, terribly impatient. Listen. I cannot suffer fools gladly. Oh, how I wish that phrase could be translated into German. It could only be England which could produce such a phrase." Anyone who is efficient and intelligent is apt to be viewed only with suspicion in England. In England, they not only suffer fools gladly—they worship them!"

Though I rolled with the punch I queried her again about the temper. She explained that it was probably inherited. Her father was a famous German surgeon who, when something went amiss during an operation, was wont to hurl a handy scalpel through a closed window.

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"Oh, but when I lose my temper I am so miserable afterwards. I reproach myself so much—and then lose it again. You think I don't like women? Aha, but you are wrong! I have many women friends—genuine ones."

Miss Palmer, who made up her mind that she wanted to be an actress at the age of five, was born in East Prussia. And as a Prussian she likes precision. And discipline. No nonsense for her.

She is accordingly more than a trifle impatient over the shortcomings of life in easy going Britain. The charwomen? "I ask them to come and they do not arrive." The window-cleaners? "They have let me down. Disgraceful!"

But when she is not busy being Prussian the charm hovers over her like a halo. And she possesses the sort of cultured background which is in pleasant contrast to a good many of her stage contemporaries.

She likes to reel off the dates of the principal battles in the Punic Wars ("I love to read history"). And with glee she showed me the reproduction of a portrait she had painted which, it was clear, contained in its technique all of the inexorable honesty which Miss P. insists on conversationally.

For all of her severity I liked her very much. It was fun when she talked of the house in Portofino, Italy, which she and Rex Harrison have built. They have a vineyard, she said, and this summer there will be a wine harvest. "Imagine me treading the grapes in my nylon stockings! What a vintage!"

But still she reminds me of a Siamese cat. The Siamese is beautiful but firm. It is the most temperamental of cats. It is apt to be highly original. Although it uses a language all its own, you are never left in the slightest doubt about the way it feels.

** Author is St Paul, II Corinthians xi, 19: "Ye suffer fools gladly, seeing ye yourselves are wise."*

"He must know someone."

• BY • THE • WAY •

by Beachcomber

I READ that a ping-pong player in a recent tournament said, "There is no point in playing table-tennis" (that is what she called it) "for fun. You must go all out to win."

Stap my vitals! What on earth is the good of winning if it is no fun? U Dam Phut, the Burmese virtuoso, cries all the time he plays, not because he is so moved by the beauty of the game, but because he is having no fun. Win or lose, it makes him miserable. And now they are going to play ping-pong with sponge-covered bats. Provided the sponge-covering is soaked in water, the game will be even more hateful and distressing to the players.

(Enter Boo-Hoo, Chinese ping-pongster.)

Food-throwing in the home

THE debate between three judges as to whether egg-throwing by a husband at a wife is cruelty or not reminded me of a recent ruling of Mr Justice Cockle-arrot Cockle-arrot said, "A glancing blow from an egg, which has ricochetted off a toast-rack, is bad manners, as is also the flinging of a spoonful of egg across the table. But a whole hard-boiled egg thrown angrily and catching a wife a stinging blow in the face is cruelty. A hard-boiled egg may be thrown with the deliberate intention of inflicting bodily hurt. A soft-boiled egg thrown in jest is not necessarily an act of cruelty. Omelette-throwing is mere barbarity, and a smack in the face from an omelette is as intolerable as one from a haddock or a large slice of mutton."

I apologise

I AM informed that my report of the banning in the Republic of Ireland of the "List of Huntingdonshire Cabmen" was inaccurate. A former Huntingdonshire cabman, Fellowes, E. L., who lives at Kilsheelan, is known as the Liszt of Huntingdonshire cabmen. He composed the "Huntingdon Rhapsody," and plays the piano in Terry Lonergan's Dance Band at Lelxlip. The words "Band" and "Liszt" must have misled my informant. Or is somebody writing with his pen in his cheek?

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

TUESDAY, MAY 11

BORN today you have considerable creative genius in just which direction it will develop in all probability depends upon the early influences in your life. Music, drama, the arts and even mechanical inventions are all things in which you are vitally interested. You have a good head for business, too, and even though it may take you a little longer than some to get started and make your "pile," you are very apt to end up with a fortune on your hands before you have reached middle life!

You have strong likes and dislikes and once you are set in your opinions, you have a dogged stubbornness which crops up and stays with you until you get what you want. You are attractive to members of the opposite sex but it is likely that there will be one great love in your life. If that does not culminate in marriage, you might never wed at all.

Among those who were born on this date are: Walter de Voc philosopher; Irving Berlin, composer; Elizabeth Towne, philosopher; Robert E Sands, author-poet, and O Mergenthaler, inventor.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 20)—Optimism will pay excellent dividends today. Keep your chin up, no matter what happens.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)—Break the week by getting outdoors this evening for a drive in the country, if you can.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—A loved one may need your help and advice. Be ready to offer it without being asked.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Test all promises made before believing in them. Be very sure of your ground before you act.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Fact, not fancy, is to prove very important to your future welfare, so act accordingly today.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—It may be difficult not to do some pleasant day-dreaming when you should be working hard.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Looking on the dark side of things will do little good. It could keep you from the success you desire.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Be patient just now, for you may find that there are opposing forces at work. Combat them.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—If you will keep your true objective in mind, you will be able to make fair progress today.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—An envious person may try to make things uncomfortable for you, but ignore it. Some people are like that!

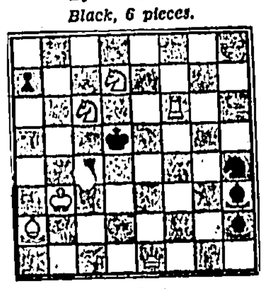
PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—If you are neglecting your duty, tighten up and settle down! You can't play all the time.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Be very careful if you are starting on a journey today. The aspects are not what they should be.

CHESS PROBLEM

By A. AFONIN

Black, 6 pieces.



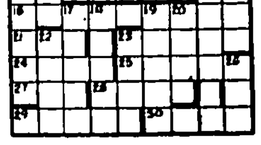
White, 6 pieces.
White to play: mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1, Q—Kt5; threat 2, Kt (B4)—K6 (ch). 1 . . . P×B; 2, Q—Kt7 (ch); 1 . . . Q×B; 2, B—Kt6 (ch); 1 . . . K—B4; 2, B—Q7 (dis ch).

DUMB-BELLS

CROSSWORD



Across

1. Where you get speediest meals? (d. 3)
8. You do this if you are in debt. (3)
10. You never saw one in a war-time shop. (6)
12. A rabid G.I. makes an Italian patriot. (9)
13. Ship's doctor has nothing at heart. (5)
14. Lady of the D'Urbervilles. (4)
16. He's muddle-headed. (9)
21. Tasty with cream tacked on. (3)
23. Challenged. (5)
24. Hard to believe (the boss does this). (4)
25. The start of entertainment. (5)
27. Much of your youth. (3)
28. "Be good," she was urged in song. (4)
29. Prate in a muddled way. (5)
30. It can be seen in some churches. (4)

Down

1. Does this flower bark? (3, 5)
2. He was a villainous emperor. (3, 5, Sacred bird. (4)
4. Pounces on bans maybe. (4)
5. Swallowed, sometimes, after great strain. (4)
6. Sands, but no shipping. (3)
7. A red is elevated. (6)
9. This is sometimes made in Chancery. (6)
11. Old or mild. (5)
15. Snow white ones often come into legends. (6)
17. You make this when you 25 Across for the first time. (5)
18. Stocking fabric. (5)
19. Giant one makes appealing zoo attraction. (5)
20. This kind of scout is often linked with a crafty sock. (4)
22. You can keep the chickens in this. (6)
23. Even an octopus was this to a Boy Scout. (4)
26. Delicious on toast. (3)

Yesterday's puzzle.

D	A	N	G	L	E	B	O	W
T	R	I	C	K	L	E	A	D
H	I	G	H	W	A	Y	E	R
A	S	L	A	P	P	E	N	D
W	P	T	S	U	N	D	A	Y
S	T	H	E	N	A	G	P	S
C	O	R	N	S	H	U	A	
C	O	A	S	T	O	L	D	
L	A	U	G	H	Y	E	K	

• JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Errors Pave the Way For Game Downfall

By OSWALD JACOBY

"I HAD been wondering for some time what had become of Hard Luck Joe," writes Dr Leo F. Schiff, of Plattsburg, N. Y., "but now I know that he was in this neighbourhood recently, as he crept right inside my skin at the last session of our local bridge club.

"I, sitting South, was dealer of the hand enclosed, and we got to a contract of four hearts with opponents mentioning spades on the way.

"West opened the king followed by the ace of spades to which his partner responded with the jack, small. West then went into deep thought and led a small spade, but I saw right through his subterfuge since I had read East's discards as well as he did.

"He wanted me to trump small so that East could overtrump and then take home the ace of clubs. I was going to outfox him. I trumped with the queen, and later had to lose to the jack of trumps and the club ace.

"Just as I was trumping I seemed to hear a still small voice inside of me saying, 'you idiot, haven't you ever heard of throwing a loser on a loser? Why not give him the queen of clubs as a discard on this trick?' Of course had I done that all would have been well.

"At the close of the hand and scoring, my partner very sympathetically said, 'It's too bad the trump distribution was against you.' I didn't say a word."

Dr Schiff is perfectly right, of course. Declarer should discard dummy's queen of clubs on the third round of spades. East can ruff, to be sure, but the defenders never get a club trick. South can easily establish dummy's diamonds for all the tricks that he needs.

In justice to my correspondent, however, I should point out that he was not the only player who made a mistake on this hand. West should not have given declarer the chance to make the contract.

After West had cashed the top spades he should take the ace of clubs at once. Only then is it correct to lead a low spade.

Now there is no way for declarer to avoid the loss of a trump trick. If he ruffs in dummy, East over-ruffs. If declarer ruffs with dummy's queen of hearts, East can discard and make a trump trick later on.

	NORTH	
	♠ 7 3	
	♥ Q 7 4 3	
	♦ A K J 7 6 2	
	♣ Q	
WEST		EAST
♠ A K 10 9 8 2		♠ J 6
♥ 6		♥ J 10 9
♦ 10 5 3		♦ Q 9 4
♣ A 9 4		♣ 10 8 7 6 2
	SOUTH (D)	
	♠ Q 5 4	
	♥ A K 8 5 2	
	♦ 8	
	♣ K J 5 3	

Both sides vul.

South	West	North	East
1 ♥	1 ♠	3 ♥	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead—♠ K

CARD Sense

Q—The bidding has been:

North	East	South	West
1 Heart	Pass	2 Diamonds	Pass
3 Clubs	Pass	?	

You, South, hold: Spades Q-10-9, Hearts 6-2, Diamonds K-Q-J-8-5, Clubs A-3-2. What do you do?

A—Bid three diamonds. You are reluctant to get past three no-trump so you do not raise the clubs. You are reluctant to bid three no-trump with a doubtful spade stopper. You therefore mark time with a rebid in diamonds.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered.

You, South, hold: Spades K-10-9, Hearts 8-2, Diamonds K-Q-J-8-6, Clubs K-3-2. What do you do?

Answer tomorrow

WHAT'S HIS LIKE?

ANTHON AMBROSE

Re-arrange the letters to spell his occupation.

(Solution on Page 10)

★ ★ WOMANSENSE ★ ★

What The Elegant Ladies Of Leisure Are Wearing

By EILEEN ASCROFT

THERE should be many happy coffee planters in Brazil due to London's latest craze for the Continental coffee shop.

These coffee bars have sprung up recently round Mayfair, Knightsbridge, Soho and Park Lane, where the new poor, who can no longer afford night clubs, sit sipping their coffee and eating French, Austrian and Danish pastries until the early hours.

Artist Eva Melova and I found them a centre fashion on our tour the other day. Here you meet the fashion models gossipping between shows, actresses sitting around both to see and be seen and all those elegant ladies of leisure who don't seem to have housekeeping problems like other women.

THE EXISTENTIALIST

In Park Lane we saw the attractive Scandinavian cap in black jersey *(sketched on left)*, which folds back to reveal a red lining. It can be worn in two ways and is trimmed with metal bobbles.

We found the Existentialist-type girl *(sketch on right)* in Mayfair. She was wearing a knitted blazer-style cardigan over tight-fitting jeans in shocking pink jersey, patterned with a bold zig-zag braid.

Favourite rig for the new coffee society seems to be tight black drainpipe pants in velvet or jersey, black sweater, and ballet slippers and gilt hoop earrings.

Chief difference between these bright little gossip houses, with their tartan stools and lamp-shades, modern wood furniture and multi-coloured pottery, is the price of the coffee. It costs you anything from 7d. to 1s. a cup.

THE KITCHEN LOUNGE

IN Paris for 24 hours I found women talking about the new kitchen - sittingrooms. French architects believe that modern life has killed the old-fashioned layout of kitchenette, dining-room and drawingroom.

They are designing instead flats and houses with one big lounge and a kitchen that is large enough for the family to take their meals.

Film star Michele Morgan and her husband, Henri Vidal, have a kitchen that is half practical and workaday and half sheer luxury living. The walls and floor are of stone, rather like an old farmhouse, the ceiling, shelves and dining-table of light wood.

THE GLASS WALL

There is a huge open log fire, with a copper chimney shade. Oriental rugs on the floor, a super-modern kitchen unit in sky blue, and chairs and refrigerator are in scarlet. The china is multi-coloured, and the lights are shaped like white leaves.

Actress Jeanne Moreau has a separate working kitchen, but one of the walls is of movable glass so that she is not shut away from her family while she cooks.

Genevieve Page has a more traditional kitchen. In many shades of blue, but she has included a round dining-table for meals. Bachelor singer Jean Sablon possesses a beautifully-fitted, miniature kitchen in plastic, in one corner of his sitting-room. It closes away behind a big folding door when not in use, and a special ventilator keeps all cooking odours out of the room.

NO SALE FOR RAINBOWS

A YEAR ago the window of one London store was full of belts and bras in rainbow colours. Lilac, apricot, cyclamen and navy blue replaced the conventional peach, pink and white.

I was one of the eager shoppers. But, looking for replacements recently I find that manufacturers have withdrawn all those lovely gay, unusual shades. "No sale for them," they inform me. "English women will wear only pink and white."

This seems unenterprising of us, the customers. Do we really want to spend our lives girdled in tea rose? Secondly on the part of the manufacturers. It takes women a little time to get used to every new fashion. Could not they have pioneered the new shades a little longer? Corsetry is not hot fashion. It is an item for periodical replacement and women might have bought the colours if given more time.

In America you can buy every colour under the sun. Just before Christmas in New York I even found belts and pantie-belts in pastel tartans.

NO COMMENT

PETITIONING for divorce in Springfield, Missouri, Mrs Clara Robbins, mother of 10 and expecting her 11th, charged her husband with "being cold and indifferent."

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Tips For Shipboard Beauties

WHEN a woman is making preparations for her first ocean voyage or cruise she is likely to have some heavy problems on her mind. What kind of clothes should she take with her? What will be best to use on her complexion to safeguard it from sunlight and salt winds? What about her hair?

Marie O'Connell, chief beautician of the United States liner America, is qualified to give all the answers. Titled women of Europe, stars of stage and screen and socially prominent women who shuttle between America and Europe seek her advice and act upon it.

PERMANENT

She says that many women have the mistaken idea that the pre-voyage permanent should be tighter than usual. Actually it should be looser, more fluid, because the salt air tends to intensify the coil quality.

It is also wise to have an oil treatment several days before sailing. During the voyage a pomade or oily tonic should be used, especially if hair is dry. It will keep it well-groomed during those pleasant hours on deck.

It is important that a rich, heavy cream be applied lavishly to face, neck, hands and arms during the trip. Wind burn can be as bad as sunburn if skin is sensitive.

WARDROBE

In the matter of shipboard clothes, one should have two or three sports outfits for the morning hours. Light tweed suits are smart and practical. Of course, one must take along a loose coat. A reversible coat that can do double duty for day and evening is an ideal selection.

For the evening, separates are a happy choice. A couple of glamorous ankle-length evening skirts with several interchangable tops will provide all the changes required for dress-up evenings. A basic evening frock of black, dark blue or charcoal grey with a variety of accessories —like chiffon stoles and costume jewellery—is a good choice for the voyage, too.

— Helen Follett

THERE'S REVOLUTION IN THE CORSET TRADE

IT looks like becoming the year's best-seller in the fashion world.

No, it's not the sailor collar or the fisherman's sweater.

It's a girdle called the "Sarong."

It is an American design for which an Australian firm has bought the British rights.

It has criss-crossed broderie anglaise front and elasticised back and sides.

The secret of its success is that it "provides figure control with freedom of movement." It is advertised as "the girdle that walks and won't ride up."

But let the experts give their explanation.

Miss Kathleen Herd, head corsetry buyer at a leading London store—where all stock was sold out at the end of the first day on sale—commented: "It's the biggest thing I remember. I have never known such an enthusiastic onslaught in the corsetry world." And she has had fifteen years' experience.

"Women are more figure-conscious these days than they have ever been," she says. "The current fashion silhouette is closely moulded and follows the natural lines of the figure. Everyone, even the larger woman, wants freedom of movement without being restricted. And this is what the Sarong girdle gives them."

At the head office, I was told, "The Sarong girdle has received a fabulous reaction.

"The factory is flat out, working overtime trying to keep pace with the demand, even though we were equipped for a big response.

"There are two reasons for the girdle's popularity.

"Fashion is now a silhouette, not a draped dress hanging on an unseen peg. So women, even though they diet more today than they did thirty years ago, still want a firm foundation.

"And this girdle is NEW. This is the most revolutionary idea in corsetry since the first era of the roll-on thirty years ago when women turned from the old-fashioned corset to the two-way stretch."

Is this spring madness—or real fashion sense?

— Dorothy Barkley

Finding A New Way To Make Money

EVER since she can remember, Dorothy Uris has been interested in the way people speak.

"You see so many girls in business," she told me, "who are well-groomed, charmingly dressed, and have good manners, but the minute they open their mouths, the effect is ruined.

"Sloppy diction, nasal sounds, and all kinds of unpleasant speech habits have more to do with a girl's lack of success than people think. Many times an employer will decide against an applicant and say that it's her 'personality,' when what he really means is that her voice irritated him."

A BIG DECISION

Mrs Uris decided to do something about it. For years she has studied voice under expert teachers. Her own voice is, naturally enough, very pleasing. For some time she has been teaching voice and speech at a well known school. She gets a big thrill out of seeing how a girl can improve her speech—and with it, her job, her pay cheque, her social life and her romantic appeal.

But teaching in one school did not give Mrs Uris the wide scope she wanted. And so, right in her own apartment, she has started speech classes for business girls, at rates they can afford. Her husband doesn't mind; in fact, he approves thoroughly.

"He knows it's a crusade with me," she said, grinning, "and he figures it I can get it out of my system this way, he won't have to hear about it so much at the dinner table!"

HOW TO SUCCEED

"How does she do it?"—people ask—about Mrs Uris and hundreds of other women who manage a paying occupation in their own homes. And the answer is always the same; they find something they are excited about, something they believe in almost fanatically.

Having found it, the rest is easy. Their enthusiasm gives them the energy to run both a home and a business, and the persistence to make both enterprises a success.

Without that kind of enthusiasm, no one can ever be successful either personally or financially. So, if you have been longing to find a way to make money at home, don't copy other women's activities. Instead, dig deep into your own heart, find something you really care about, and get going!

— Anne Haywood

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Canaries Who Live On Islands

—They Aren't Like the Birds Who Live in Cages—

By MAX TRELL

"MR Punch," said Knarf, the shadow-boy with the turned-about name, "do you like canaries?"

Mr Punch, who was darning a hole in his sock without taking his foot out of the sock, looked up in surprise. "Did you ask," he said, "whether I like canaries?"

"Yes," said Knarf. "Do you?"

No Kind of Answer

"Ouch!" yelled Mr Punch. This wasn't in answer to Knarf's question. Mr Punch had simply stuck himself with the darning needle.

"I beg your pardon," said Mr Punch. "I didn't mean to change the subject. Now, about canaries, I like them very much indeed."

"Oh," said Knarf, "then you must have had canaries when you were a boy?"

Mr Punch shook his head. "I never had canaries."

"You never did?" said Knarf. "Then how do you know you like them so much?"

Mr Punch smiled. "I like them so much," he said, "because I once visited a place where canaries come from."

"Where's that, Mr Punch?"

"The Canary Islands," said Mr Punch. Then he yelled "Ouch" again.

"I don't think," said Knarf to his old friend, "that you should darn a hole in your sock with your foot in it."

"I don't think so either," said Mr Punch. "But I can't see where the hole is unless I keep it on my foot. But what's that you were saying about canaries? You visited the place where they came from?"

Canaries Without Cages

"That's what you were saying," said Knarf. "You were the one who visited them."

"Oh yes," said Mr Punch, suddenly remembering. "I visited them in the Canary Islands. That's where canaries come from."

Knarf wanted to know more about the Canary Islands. "Do the canaries really fly around like ordinary sparrows and robins, Mr Punch?"

"I don't know how it is today," said Mr Punch, "but the canaries in the Canary Islands flew around like sparrows and robins when I was there many years ago. It was really delightful waking up in the morning and hearing the canaries singing in every tree."

"Just like a canary in a cage in somebody's room," said Knarf.

"Oh no," said Mr Punch, "not at all like a canary in a cage in somebody's room. The canaries in the Canary Islands sang with real happiness. I'm sorry to say that canaries in a cage aren't really happy."

"Why not?" asked Knarf. "They get plenty to eat and drink. Nobody ever hurts them."

Mr Punch kept shaking his head. "It's not the same thing. No one can be happy living in a cage, and a canary least of all. For a canary is a bird and a bird likes to fly."

While Knarf talked to him, Mr. Punch darned his socks.

"But if canaries are unhappy in a cage," Knarf said, "why are they always singing?"

"I never could figure that out either," said Mr Punch. "I guess maybe they're not as unhappy as some people think they are. But they are happier living outside a cage. They sing even more beautifully and more often and louder than they do in a cage. And you have no idea how extraordinarily beautiful they look as they fly around, like magnificent yellow sunbeams darting among the green leaves. I hope," added Mr Punch.... "Ouch!—"

"There you go again," said Knarf.

"I hope," continued Mr Punch, "that when you are older, you will be able to visit the Canary Islands as I did, and you'll never, never have to darn a hole in your sock with your foot in it!"

And Mr Punch Smiled.

Rupert and The Lost Cuckoo—17

Pressing onward towards the lake Rupert finds his way barred by two large toy animals, an elephant and a giraffe, who are quickly joined by a wooden tiger. They all regard him with silent disapproval. "Are you all from the Ark?" says Rupert. "Please, do you know if my little cuckoo came this way?" The animals look very grave. "Have you had an invitation?" asks the giraffe. Rupert is taken aback. "Invitation to, what?" he says. "I don't understand. I only want my cuckoo!"

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PAKISTAN WELL ON WAY TO VICTORY IN OPENING GAME OF ENGLISH TOUR

Worcester, May 10.

Pakistan's touring cricketers are on the way to a victory in their first match against a county side here, for they forced Worcestershire to follow on 210 runs behind today, and the county with all wickets in hand will need 198 runs on the final day to save an innings defeat.

Already the Pakistan bowling has shown that it may worry the best of batsmen before the tour has run its course. None more so than Fazal Mahmood, whose four for 54 in 26 overs so early in the season was a sound performance.

Khalid Hassan, 16-year-old leg break bowler, too, did well and not until Grove took three sixes in his final over did Khalid's bowling really suffer. He completely deceived and bowled Peter Richardson, Worcestershire's 22-year-old left handed amateur, who scored 81 and appeared set for a century.

It had taken Worcestershire's bowlers nearly an hour to get rid of the last two Pakistan batsmen early in the day. Fazal Mahmood being last out for an admirable 67 while Khalid stayed 40 minutes to see the last wicket put on 41 runs.

If Pakistan win they will be the first touring side to succeed on the Worcester ground since New Zealand did so five years ago.

Kenyon and Richardson settled down again after lunch and it was a real surprise when Ikram Elahi produced a good length inswinger which took Kenyon's leg stump. This broke the opening stand at 65.

Then Pakistan took control by sound bowling and keen fielding. Mahmoud Hussain and Elahi commanded respect and only 11 were added in 25 minutes.

Richardson completed 50 out of 81 in 100 minutes.

The quality of the bowling was shown by Dews taking 35 minutes to score six and then he lost patience, tried to punish Kardar and was caught by Hanif at long off with a nicely judged catch.

DOMINATED THE BATTING

Joined by Bird, Richardson dominated the batting excelling with cover drive but he was lucky to be dropped at deep point off Kardar when 77. Bird was puzzled at times by 16-year-old Khalid Hassan, who tried his leg spin for the first time at 121.

It was Richardson who was next out, however, as when 81 he was beaten by Khalid Hassan.

Richardson, 22, is a very bright prospect for representative cricket with his lefthand batting and his display today even remembering the life he had when 34 and a more difficult chance when 77, was invaluable to the country.

Kahlid, who later had Devereux caught behind the wicket, was never afraid to pitch the ball up to the batsmen and his pace through the air was sometimes quite quick.

Devereux's dismissal meant half the side was out for 144 and the danger of a follow on began to loom on the Worcestershire horizon.

With Fazal Mahmood and A H Kardar bowling well later, the county were all out for 218 and had to bat again.

They then scored 12 without loss before stumps were drawn.

THE SCORES

Pakistan—1st Innings—482

Worcestershire—1st Innings

D. Kenyon, b. Elahi	28
P. Richardson, b. Khalid Hassan	81
Dews, c. Hanif b. Kardar	6
Broadbent, not out	30
L. Devereaux, c. Shakoor Ahmed b. Khalid Hassan	4
H. Yarnold, c. Shakoo Ahmed b. F. Mahmood	15
C. Grove, b. Mahmood	25
R. Parks, b. Kardar	3
J. Ashman, b. Mahmood	5
J. Flavell, b. Kardar	0
Extras	2
Total	218

Bowling

	O	M	R	W
Fazal Mahmood	26	8	54	4
Mahmoud Hussain	13	5	38	0
Ikram Elahi	11	4	31	1
Kardar	18.2	7	28	3
Khalid Hassan	16	3	65	2

Worcestershire—2nd Innings

Kenyon, not out	7
Richardson, not out	5
Total for no wkt.	12

—Reuter.

AUSTRALIAN BOWLERS PLAY KBGC TODAY

If weather permits five visiting Australian lawn bowlers will be seen in action in an unofficial roll-up against two KBGC rinks at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club this afternoon starting at 3.15.

Three local Australian bowlers will make up the two Australian rinks.

In the event of inclement weather the match will be played tomorrow at the same place starting at the same time.

The Australian visitors are Mr T. K. Shakespeare, senior Vice-President and Chairman of the Entertainment Committee of the New South Wales Bowling Association, Mr L. J. Ashcroft, Mr R. R. Law, Mr R. S. Stone and Mr F. G. Spurway.

They arrived yesterday in the SS Changte and were met on arrival by members of local lawn bowls clubs and were entertained at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club yesterday evening.

Due to the delay in the arrival of the party which was expected on Sunday, arrangements by the Hongkong Lawn Bowls Association for a series of matches for the visitors could not be finalised, and in view of their departure on Thursday, it was felt that it would be preferable to arrange official matches on their return, when their stay in the Colony would be longer.

The Bowling Green rinks will be as follows:—

Rink 1. — Jock McKelvie (skip), Bill Simpson, A. L. G. Eastman and George Norman.

Rink 2—A. Harvey, Frank Francis, Frank Howarth and J. Tindall.

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FANLING GOLF

McCallum And Lopes Win The Stableford

A. G. S. McCallum won the Stableford competition played over the Old Course during the week-end with a return of 37 points and Dr J. B. Mackie was runner-up with a score of 35.

A. A. Lopes was the Stableford winner on the New Course with a total of 34, W. E. Hines being in second place with 31 points.

PRIZE PRESENTATION

Plans are going ahead for the Buffet Supper, Cinema and Prize presentation scheduled to be held at Deep Water Bay on Saturday, May 29 and the following R.K.O. Golf shorts have been made available by courtesy of a member:—1. Ben Hogan; 2. Golf Doctor; 3. Golf Master; 4. Muscles and the Lady.

Golf Club Members are asked to remember the date.

LADIES' SECTION

The following is the draw for the 1954 Glover Cup to be played for on handicap over the Deep Water Bay Course.

Byes into second Round: Mrs A. B. Coleman v Mrs F. D. Hunter; Mrs A. W. Dawson-Grove v Mrs D. Black; Mrs John Wai v Mrs W. N. Gray.

First Round matches: Mrs L. Goldman v Mrs A. S. Mitchell; Miss E. Wilson v Mrs L. H Robinson; Mrs S. S. Gordon v Mrs W. P. Birtwhistle; Mrs G. W. Vaughn v Mrs A. H. Pen; Mrs W. C. Hung v Mrs J. F. Shoemaker.

Byes into second Round: Winner of Hung/Shoemaker v Mrs J. C. van der Touw; Mrs F. G. Harrison v Mrs D. L. Anderson; Mrs P. A. Laroche v Mrs R. R. Coombs.

The first round is to be completed on or before 27th May, Second round by 6th June, third round by 17th June. Semi-final by 24th June and Final on or before 1st July.

The next Ladies' Day will be held at Deep Water Bay on Tuesday 18th May, the main competition being a Shanghai Foursomes.

The first 1954 Summer Eclectic competition to be played over the New Course at Fanling has commenced; this will run through June with a limit of ten cards.

League Tennis

SOUTH CHINA AND CRC GO DOWN

The league tennis matches played yesterday was featured by the defeat of the Chinese Recreation Club (2) team by Kowloon Indian Tennis Club by seven sets to two in the Men's C Division (Group A) match.

Kowloon Tong Garden Club showed exceptional strength also in trouncing the Indian Recreation Club by nine sets to nil in the same division.

In Group B of this division, newcomers Post Office R.C. did extremely well to take three sets off the Chinese Recreation Club and Recreio fell by the wayside to Craigengower, obtaining only one set to the Happy Valley net wielders' eight.

The best result, however, was Ladies' Recreation Club's (Men's Section) defeat of highly favoured South China by six and one half to two and one half.

In the Mixed A Division South China's array of top stars defeated Kowloon Cricket Club by 8½ sets to ½.

The following are the results:

Mixed Doubles "A"

K.C.C. lost to S.C.A.A. 1½-8½.

A. Angestad and Mrs Stokes (K.C.C.) lost to K. H. Ip and Mrs Sam Sook 3-6; lost to E. Tsai and Mrs How 0-6; lost to T. Liang and Miss C. Phoy 3-6.

F. Long and Mrs O. Dow (K.C.C.) lost to Ip and Mrs Sam Sook 3-6; lost to Tsai and Mrs How 1-6; lost to Liang and Miss Phoy 4-6.

C. Quang and Mrs Liang (K.C.C.) lost to Ip and Mrs Sam Sook 4-6; lost to Tsai and Mrs How 1-6; drew with Liang and Miss Phoy 6-6.

Men's C Division Group A

C.R.C. (2) lost to K.I.T.C. by 2-7.

William Ling and D. Hu (C.R.C.) lost to U. S. Munt and Y. Khan 2-6; beat B. K. Moorjani and K. Yusef 6-3; lost to Firdos Khan and H. N. Harilela 3-6.

C. C. Lee and E. Chok (C.R.C.) lost to Munt and Khan 2-6; lost to Yusef and Moorjani 3-6; beat Khan and Harilela 6-4.

T. Y. Tung and D. Choy (C.R.C.) lost to Munt and Khan 2-6; lost to Yusef and Moorjani 3-6; and lost to Khan and Harilela 4-6.

K.T.G.C. beat I.R.C. 9-0.

C. H. Ip and P. Chen (K.T.G.C.) beat R. Bux and S. M. Rumjahn Jr 6-0; beat R. Omar and R. A. Bux 6-0; beat S. M. Rumjahn and I. Kitchell 6-3.

C. S. Lin and P. P. Kho (K.T.G.C.) beat Bux and Rumjahn Jr 6-0; beat Omar and Bux 6-0; beat Rumjahn and Kitchell 6-3.

C. M. Tsoung and L. Chan (K.T.G.C.) beat Bux and Rumjahn Jr 6-1; beat Omar and Bux 6-0; beat Rumjahn and Kitchell 6-3.

Men's C Division Group B

P.O.R.C. lost to C.R.C. (1) 3-6.

A. G. Crook and Y. S. Fung (P.O.R.C.) lost to M. C. Ng and B. W. Choy 1-6; lost to Y. Y. Lam and W. S. Lam 5-7; lost to K. L. Ho and K. C. Ng 1-6.

N. C. Wong and N. B. Wong (P.O.R.C.) lost to Ng and Choy 4-6; beat Lam and Lam 7-5; beat Ho and Ng 6-4.

S. K. Chin and P. Lam (P.O.R.C.) lost to Ng and Choy 1-6; beat Lam and Lam 6-2; lost to Ho and Ng 3-6.

C.C.C. beat Recreio 6-1.

C. K. Chau and K. C. Fung (C.C.C.) beat P. P. Botelho and S. A. Colleco 6-1; beat T. E. Rodrigues and C. A. Barretto 7-5; beat J. A. Marques and A. J. Remedios 6-3.

J. Liang and O. Sadick (C.C.C.) beat Botelho and Colleco 6-1; lost to Rodrigues and Barretto 1-6; beat Marques and Remedios 6-3.

L. Sung and B. Dhabher (C.C.C.) beat Botelho and Colleco 6-4; beat Rodrigues and Barretto 6-4; beat Marques and Remedios 6-4.

P.R.C. lost to C.C.S.R.C. 2-7.

E. Tyrer and W. Gillies (P.R.C.) beat P. W. Tsang and S. Y. Lee 6-3; lost to P. F. Shao and K. Y. Chang 2-6; lost to W. C. Cheung and W. Y. Chow 3-6.

H. W. E. Heath and A. R. S. Major (P.R.C.) lost to Tsang and Lee 2-6; lost to Shao and Chang 3-6; lost to Cheung and Chow 3-6.

D. Brown and D. G. Mathews (P.R.C.) beat Tsang and Lee 6-3; lost to Shao and Chang 4-6; lost to Cheung and Chow 2-6.

L. R. C. beat S.C.A.A. 6½-2½.

G. P. Norton and J. A. Cheetham (L.R.C.) drew with C. C. Wong and H. T. Tang 3-3; beat C. P. Wo and H. L. Ng 6-1; beat C. H. Shu and K. C. Ling 6-3.

H. E. Akers and T. Widmer (L.R.C.) beat Wong and Tang 6-4; beat Wo and Ng 6-3; beat Shu and Ling 6-5.

W. H. Williams and D. C. Parts (L.R.C.) lost to Wong and Tang 4-6; beat Wo and Ng 6-1; lost to Shu and Ling 5-6.

REFUSES £1,000

A new picture of the Welsh flyweight, Dai Dower, hailed as Britain's likeliest world-beater.

He recently turned down an offer of a thousand pounds to meet Eric Marsden, on the advice of manager Nat Seller, and will now be seen in action at the Empress Hall on May 11 when he meets the Dutch flyweight and bantamweight champion, Henk van der Zee.

Lancashire And Notts Score First Clear Wins Of Season

London, May 10.

Lancashire and Nottinghamshire had the distinction of being first to gain two-day victories in the new county season which continued in bright sunshine today.

Somerset's "new look" side showed complete inability to play the leg breaks of Australian Bruce Dooland at Trent Bridge and were beaten by Nottinghamshire by an innings and 130 runs.

At one time Dooland with his spin bowling had taken three wickets in eight overs for three runs. He finished with five for 49 in Somerset's first innings and five for 40 in their second. This gave him a match analysis of 10 for 89.

Yaward Saeed, the Pakistan player was one of the few Somerset men to hit out with any confidence.

At the Oval the focus was on two Dollerys—Tom, the first professional captain of Warwickshire and Keith, the Queenslander. They put up a splendid ninth wicket stand of 74 in an hour.

Tom Dollery carried his side's batting against the all-round bowling power of Surrey, the county champions. Keith gave him such support in their stand that Surrey, who earlier must have thought their 224 total sufficient, had to think again.

Warwickshire gained a first innings lead of 27, which Surrey wiped out before the close.

1,000TH WICKET

Johnny Wardle, Yorkshire and England left arm spin bowler, took his 1,000th wicket in first class cricket today when he dismissed Arthur Milton, of Gloucestershire at Bristol. He made his debut in first class cricket in 1946.

Bill Edrich and Denis Compton, England and Test players, put Middlesex in a strong position against Hampshire at Lord's.

Compton claimed five Hampshire first innings wickets for a mere 19 runs and followed up in the Middlesex second innings with 64 runs.

Bill Edrich batted brightly for two and three quarter hours for a total of 105 which included 13 fours.

Middlesex, with three second innings wickets left, lead Hampshire by 165 runs.

At Old Trafford, Cyril Washbrook, former England opening bat, hit 13 fours against Glamorgan. Not out for 95 on Saturday he went on to build up 116 today.

CLOSE OF PLAY SCORES

The following were the close of play scores of first class cricket matches played today:

At Manchester: Lancashire beat Glamorgan by an innings and 57 runs. Glamorgan 81 and 173 (Jones 58, Statham four for 38). Lancashire 311 for six declared (Washbrook 116).

At Nottingham: Nottinghamshire beat Somerset by an innings and 130 runs. Nottinghamshire 380. Somerset 137 (Dooland five for 49) and 113 (Dooland five for 40).

At Lords: Middlesex 224 and 308 for seven (W. Edrich 105, Brown 50, Denis Compton 64). Hampshire 167 (Denis Compton five for 19).

At the Oval: Surrey 224 and 75 for three. Warwickshire 251 (Tom Dollery not out 74).

At Bristol: Yorkshire 281 and 90 for four. Gloucestershire 234 (Graveney 78).

At Cambridge: Cambridge University 288 for seven declared and nine for two. Essex 239 (Green Smith not out 51).

At Northampton: Northamptonshire 380 for nine declared and 114 for four. Sussex 240 (Doggart 111, Parks 61).

At Oxford: Kent 207 and 141 for five (Phebey 78). Oxford University 234 (Cowdrey 112, Delisle 59).

At Derby: Leicestershire 184 and 166 for three (Tompkin not out 80). Derbyshire 248 (Willatt 50, Spencer six for 63). —Reuter.

Soviet Wrestlers Head For Japan

Moscow, May 10.

A 12-man Soviet wrestling team headed by Mikhail Pislak, vice-chairman of the U.S.S.R. sports committee, left here today for Japan via Stockholm to participate in the world championship meet in Tokyo May 22-25.

The team includes the celebrated wrestlers Arsen Mekichvili, G. Kartosi and A. Englas. Another 14-man group will leave shortly.—United Press.

Malaya's Chances To Retain Thomas Cup As Bright As Ever Says Their Captain

By ARGONAUT

"Malaya's chances of retaining the Thomas Cup, emblem of world badminton supremacy, for the third time in succession, are as bright as ever," said Mr Lim Chuan-geok before he left Hongkong for Singapore yesterday after four days' stay here.

Mr Lim, who led the Malayan team to their first triumph in England in 1948, and who again acted as non-playing captain when Malaya retained the trophy in 1952 was on his way back to Singapore after a brief stay in England and after accompanying the Malayan players Ong Poh-lim and Ooi Teik-hock on their world tour as far as Honolulu.

"Malaya has always been supreme in the doubles", remarked Mr Lim "and in Ooi Teik-hock and Ong Poh-lim and in the Choong brothers David and Eddie, Malaya has the two most outstanding combinations in the world today, who can assure Malaya of four wins.

The former Malayan captain was a little reluctant to comment on the singles prospects on the ground that he was not as yet sure of the situation as he had just only heard of the reinstatement of Wong Peng-soon and the other three players who recently toured Formosa.

However, in Eddie Choong, who he pointed out now holds the record of having won the greatest number of International Championships than any other player in the games history, Malaya will have an outstanding singles representative with experience, match temperament and an enviable record.

Mr Lim thinks that it is extremely likely that America, India, Denmark and New Zealand will be the four zone finalists who will contest the semi-finals in Malaya in May, 1955.

America will again depend on Dick Mitchell and Joe Alston in the singles and Carl Loveday and Mitchell and Alston and Bob Williams in the doubles. Martin Mendez has not been active since the last Thomas Cup match and Dave Freeman is still a doubtful starter.

STRONG TEMPTATION

A strong temptation, however, will be offered Freeman when America plays Canada in the America zone as the match has been fixed at Freeman's home-town, San Diego.

It is interesting to note that Mr Lim who has seen probably all the world's best players in action thinks Wong Peng-soon is the greatest stroke-stylist in the world today, Ooi Teik-hock the greatest match-winner, but Freeman the greatest player of them all, who embodies all the qualities of a truly great player and plays the game that his opponent does not like.

Mr Lim gave it as his opinion that Denmark will be the dark-horse of this Thomas Cup series. They are according to him the most improved nation since the last Thomas Cup and have at present the greatest number of most promising youngsters in the game.

Their Thomas Cup team will probably consist of players between 18 and 22 years of age and especially prominent among them is in his opinion 18-year old Finn Kobbero. "He has all the strokes of a champion and is exceptionally well-built," said Mr Lim, "and under proper coaching he looks as the most likely successor to the great Freeman."

With Jeff Robson in their ranks, New Zealand, he thinks, should have little difficulty in beating Australia in the Australasian zone. Robson, who incidentally is also a New Zealand Davis Cup representative has, he said, improved tremendously since he went to England and Europe and had the distinction of extending Eddie Choong to three close sets in one County final.

DID NOT IMPRESS

The Indian players did not impress him in England, but both Seth and Natekar played a much better game in the American Open Championships at Niagara Falls where the weather was a little warmer. With the tremendous improvement that they have been reported to make during the last year, he thinks that Thailand are well capable of upsetting the Indians, who however will have slight edge in experience.

Mr Lim lauds Hongkong's participation in the Thomas Cup competition and remarked that the large increase of participating nations in this series has been the brightest highlight of the competition.

He was not able to gauge Japan's standard as he was there only for two days and did not see any of them in action, but strongly advised that Hongkong should start training her players as early as possible. As a start he said they could have regular practices twice a week and these could be gradually increased as the time approaches for the match.

Asked about the comparative standard of women players in the different countries, he said that the European ladies are well ahead of the Asiatics, as they can hit tremendously hard from base to base, which very few Asiatic players can do.

Judy Devlin is in his opinion undoubtedly the best lady player in the world today. Her triumph in the All-England championship was a well-deserved one as in the final she overcame no less worthy an opponent than former champion Mrs Jacobsen of Denmark.

NO TROUBLE SAY ONG AND OOI

Singapore, May 10.

Malaya will have no trouble in retaining the world badminton championship at next year's Thomas Cup play-offs, two returning Malayan athletes confidently predicted today.

Thomas Cup stars Ooi Teik-hock and Ong Poh-lim, just back from Sydney, said that Malaya could safely pin her hopes on champions Eddie and David Choong to lead the Cup defenders to victory.

Eddie Choong, holder of the all-England singles badminton title for the past two years, recently went on to win the United States national championship. He and his brother David are expected to return to Malaya early next year in time to represent their country in the international play-offs.

Ong Poh-lim said he believed that competition in the future would be tougher than heretofore.

"When I was in England this year I noticed a tremendous improvement in the standard of play. Players who impressed me most were the young Danes Hammergard Hansen and Palles Granlund, Canada's Don Smythe and India's Nandu Natekar.

"But," Ong added quickly, "there is no fear of Malaya losing the Thomas Cup next year."

Ooi and Ong stopped in Australia for four days en route home from England and took part in exhibitions at Sydney, Melbourne and Tasmania.—United Press.

Hepburn Sets New Record In Weight-Lifting

Vancouver, Canada, May 10.

World heavyweight - lifting champion Doug Hepburn, of Vancouver, set a new world record of 381 lbs. in the military press during a week-end competition here.

The world champion strongman featured in the combined British and Empire Games weight-lifting trials and Western Canada championships held on Saturday.

In the military press, Hepburn lifted the 381 lbs. to his shoulders, then thrust it above his head.

One Canadian and four British Columbia records also were beaten in the competitions.

Hepburn's record lift surpassed his championship lift made last Summer in Stockholm when he raised 371½ lbs. On Saturday he lifted a total of 1,000 lbs.—United Press.

TRABERT LOSES TO MOREA

Rome, May 10.

Argentine champion Enrique Morea, encouraged by partisan Italian yells of "ride him cowboy," slammed top favourite American Tony Trabert out of the Rome international tennis tournament today.

Morea, in peak tennis form, won the semi-finals encounter 0-6, 6-4, 6-1, 1-6, 7-5 before 3,500 screaming fans at the Foro Italico stadium.—United Press.

PI Congressmen And Press Rapped By Indian Official

Manila, May 11.

India's Guru Datt Bondhi, Vice-President of the Asian Games Federation, this morning assailed members of the Philippine Congress for what he described as their silly actions during the Second Asian Games.

Mr Sondhi rapped Congressmen for demanding preferential treatment in seating arrangements during the Games and stressed that the Asian Games charter was specific that members of the organisational committee should be directly behind the President of the host country and his party in seating arrangements.

Philippine Congressmen had demanded front seats.

Mr Sondhi, who enplaned today for Calcutta via Hongkong, also trained his guns at the local Press, stating that local newspapermen misbehaved when they criticised the Philippine Amateur Athletic Federation while all foreign delegations were still in Manila.

It gave the Philippines a bad name when they washed their dirty linen in public, he said.

Mr Sondhi also branded as ridiculous the claim by Congressmen that since they gave US$150,000 to P.A.A.F., they should be given preferential treatment.

"This is silly because the money which they gave was not their own money but was money belonging to the public," he said.

Mr Sondhi declared that on the whole, the second Asian Games were a complete success. —France-Presse.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Exhibition Tennis

Sir,—I think the majority of the tennis fans will agree that the programme for tomorrow's Exhibition Tennis Matches should be more interesting if Edwin Tsai takes the place of K.H. Ip in the men's singles against K. C. Dao. After all, up till very recently, Ip has played Dao on numerous occasions and the results are quite well-known.

On the other hand, the Tsai-Dao encounter has not taken place since Tsai's return from England a year ago, and this should bring more spectators and subsequently more money for the Wimbledon Funds for which the Exhibition is arranged.

Another suggestion is that in the men's doubles Ip should play with Dao and Tsai with Wang since this will place each man in his natural position thus enabling them to put up their best performance.

ANOTHER TENNIS FAN.

THE GAMBOLS . . . . by Barry Appleby

SPORTS SURVEY

By All-Rounder

ANOTHER ATTRACTION FOR BLACKPOOL? . . . Blackpool is renowned for its illuminations and its football team, for its sands and the variety of its entertainment. There is likely to be an added one next winter for it is almost certain that Rugby League football will be inaugurated at the local Greyhound Stadium. The minimum £5,000 needed to start has been raised and £3,000 of this will be set aside to buy players. Warrington's former secretary-manager, Mr Chris. Brockbank, has been engaged.

IT'S IN THE AYR . . . Not often do two forwards net 87 goals between them when one of them is a winger, but that is the record of James Holden and Iain Johnstone of Ayr Alban. Holden, centre forward, has scored 46 and outside right Iain 41, a remarkable total for an outside man. He also plays cricket for Ayrshire.

UMPIRE AT 72 . . . Fred Barlow, of Haslingden (Lancs) will shortly commence his fortieth season as a local cricket umpire—and he is 72 years old. All his officiating has been done in the East Lancashire Tuesday and Wednesday Leagues, the Rossendale Workshops Mid-week League and the Waterfoot Sunday School League. His best year in 40 years? About the match in which wickets fell so quickly that one man came to the wickets a second time and, in order to deceive, he had taken out his false teeth!

HONOUR IN DEFEAT . . . Greenfield F.C. have lost every game they have played in the Darwen (Lancs) League this past season, some of them by double figures, but the opposing clubs have voted them "The Sportsmen of the Season" and they will receive an award.

SEASON WITHOUT DEFEAT . . . Shepshed Albion by defeating Ibstone Penistone Rovers completed a remarkable season's record. They went through to the championship of the Leicestershire Senior League without losing a game. They drew two, won 28 and had a goal average of 135-26.

ONE "DOUBLE" FOR WEST BROMWICH . . . West Bromwich Albion may have slipped up in their Cup and League "double" bid, but West Bromwich Warriors have achieved the feat. This club of ex-Servicemen romped home in every match they played in the Coronation League and they also lifted the Junior Cup. They won all 22 of their matches with a goal average of 217 to 33.

HUNDRED GAMES A SEASON . . . Jimmy Meadows of Manchester City has played over one hundred games this season. In Army representative matches he has played 18 times at outside right, left half, centre forward, right back and inside left and scored 14 goals. He has played for his unit every Thursday and scored 38 times. He has appeared for Manchester City's first and second elevens on many occasions and his overseas trip have taken him to Brussels, Belfast, Caen and Germany as well as Scotland and all over England and Wales.

THREE WOMEN SECRETARIES . . . Women secretaries are a rarity in Soccer, but the Gosport (Hampshire) League have three. Mrs A. Bohen looks after Brockhurst's four teams, Mrs O. Barnes is in charge of Grange United's two sides and Mrs I. Pitt is secretary of Cams Alders. Mrs Olive Barnes married the brother of Wally Barnes the Arsenal and Welsh International full back.

A PROUD GRANDAD . . . An 86 years old Scot, Mr James Cunningham of the Fifeshire mining village of Hill o' Beath, will, thanks to television, be able to see two of his grandsons playing in the Wembley Cup Final next Saturday. They are Willie Cunningham, just "capped" and Jimmy Baxter, right back and inside left of Preston North End.

70 YEARS A SUPPORTER . . . Mr Jack Evans, of Bulwell, has been supporting and watching Notts County for seventy years and he still attends, at the age of 85, Midland Midweek League matches as well! His son has been a County Supporter for forty years—the only one of a Kimberley family of 14. The other thirteen support Notts Forest.

King Paul Opens IOC Congress

Athens, May 10.

King Paul of Greece, dressed in the uniform of a Field Marshal, opened the 49th Congress of the International Olympic Committee here today at a picturesque ceremony in the ancient Herodes Atticus Theatre, in the shadow of the Parthenon.

The bespectacled monarch, speaking in English, welcomed the delegates to Greece while the city's Mayor also added his welcome.—Reuter.

Korean Gold Medallist

Korea's Choi Chung-sik (164) overtaking Yamauchi Jiro and Umezawa Kazumi (116) of Japan in the last but one lap of the 10,000-metre run to win the 1st place of this event with a time of 33.006 secs., a new Asia Games Record.

In Defence Of England's Slow-Scoring Batsmen

By DENIS COMPTON

The defensive methods of some of our leading batsmen—and I am as big a "culprit" as any—is a question that remains after all the excitement of winning the Ashes and drawing the Test series in the West Indies.

The latest, and one of the most authoritative contributions to the argument comes from Freddie Brown, last year's Chairman of Test selectors, in the 1954 Wisden.

In calling for a more aggressive approach to batting, Freddie says: "Nobody could have been more delighted with England's Test triumph against the Australians than I was, but I believe it would have come with greater ease by the employment of more attacking tactics."

In principle, I believe in the all-round advantages of fast scoring as much as the most exacting critic or spectator.

The quicker runs are made the more time is left for the bowlers to dismiss the opposition. Nothing annoys me more than when I become "bogged down" at the crease.

To my mind, however, the issue is not so clear as some would insist.

The Don Bradmans of the cricket world probably are capable of lambasting any attack, but a pattern for the majority cannot be fashioned from the achievements of a super-player.

A point to be remembered is that in normal circumstances bowlers dictate the tempo of the game as much, or nearly as much, as the batsman.

When, therefore, the best bowlers in any country are gathered together, supported by Test standard fielding and field-placing probably shrewder than in ordinary matches, the task facing the batsman in scoring rapidly becomes increasingly difficult.

Negative leg-side tactics especially cannot be overcome easily.

The retort may be made that last year the Australians, and in recent months the West Indies, made their runs more quickly than England.

On the surface, such an argument is not easy to counter, but the issue cannot be over-simplified.

DIFFERENT UP-BRINGING

The vastly different cricket up-bringing of English players compared with those, say, of the West Indies and Australia, has considerable influence of the character of their respective methods.

On perfect batting pitches in tropical countries young bowlers soon realise that to achieve any success their only hope is by hard work over long periods without thought of help from the pitch.

As a result, those who reach Test rank generally achieve greater accuracy, and the slow bowlers turn more sharply than their English counterparts. When bowlers are pin-point in length and direction, attacking strokes are made only by taking a chance.

That raises another fundamental contrast. Much as I admire the punishing stroke-play of Keither Miller, Neil Harvey, and the three West Indies "W's" I believe that a number of English batsmen would have acquired similar aggression had they learned their cricket in Australia or the West Indies.

The English batsman develops his game on all types of pitches and, if he is to make any progress, he disciplines himself to watching anything but a half volley or a full toss not only off the pitch but right on to the bat. Otherwise he will find himself beaten by some unexpected movement of the ball from the ground.

IN OTHER COUNTRIES

In other countries where the air is clearer and the ball rarely departs from the true, batsmen can afford to strike the ball at its pitch and to make all manner of strokes that would load them into trouble in England.

Habits formed over a long period cannot be changed overnight, or even in a matter of months.

For that reason, when playing abroad, the majority of English batsmen adopt the methods they have always used, watching the ball off the pitch and delaying the stroke.

Naturally they will not score as quickly as the home players, who at times astonish them by playing most unorthodox strokes, and, moreover, getting away with them.

Conversely I would draw attention to the achievements of overseas teams in England. When they play on good batting pitches, not dissimilar to their own, frequently they make big totals and make them rapidly.

If the ball is turning, moving about, however, they seldom look good. In those circumstances England usually are favourites.

On the whole, England batsmen probably are not so spectacular as some of their opponents, but I would think that whatever the atmospheric conditions and on all types of turf, they are more consistent.

Because of my conviction that England are better equipped to deal with the unusual, I regret very much that M.C.C. have agreed to the covering of pitches in next winter's Test series in Australia.

The decision was not taken without thought. Instead, M.C.C. gathered the views of nearly 100 past and present England cricketers before giving their consent to the Australian suggestion but I can only wish the voting, extremely close as it was, had gone the other way.

Pakistan Team Skip Hongkong

Manila, May 10.

Revised airline schedules will not permit the Pakistani athletic team to put on an exhibition in Hongkong on Wednesday as the Pakistani team is now travelling via Singapore without stop-over in Hongkong. — France-Presse.

Probe On PAAF Urged By P.I. Congressman

Manila, May 10.

Hardly had the last echoes of the Second Asian Games closing ceremonies died than a congressional investigation of the Philippine Amateur Athletic Federation (PAAF) was sought this morning in a resolution urging a probe of PAAF officials and their activities during the Asian Games.

The resolution, prepared by Congressman Ramon Mitra, also aimed at the PAAF officials' disposition of $150,000 appropriated by Congress for the use of the Asian Games which ended yesterday.

The projected investigation is an off-shoot of alleged "mistreatment" of Lower House members in the allotment of seats to the Games. Mr Mitra and several other Congressmen last week denounced the members of the Second Asian Games Organising Committee (most of them PAAF officials) for giving the Congressmen seats that were allegedly too far to the rear.

The investigation of the PAAF was to have started last week but due to the fact that Congressmen had cautioned against doing so while the Games were still going on. — France-Presse.

Centenary Bowls For Volunteers

As part of the celebrations marking the Centenary of the Hongkong Volunteers, it was proposed to hold a lawn bowls match between Past and Present members of the Force at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club at Austin Road on Sunday, May 23.

It is requested that all bowlers desirous of taking part in this match, please send their names in to the Past or the Present representatives by Monday, May 17.

The representative for Past Members is Mr R. C. Butler, Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd. Tel: 38011, and that for the Present is Mr J. W. Tindall c/o Kowloon Bowling Green Club, Austin Road.

Past Members will be composed of all ranks associated with the H.K.V.D.C. up to and including 1946. Players who were in the Volunteers and are today members of the R.H.K.D.F. must make their choice between Past and Present.

It is suggested that the various clubs in the Colony form rinks and respective conveners send in the names en bloc to the above representatives.

FILIPINO CLUB

The following have been selected to represent the Filipino Club in a friendly lawn bowls match against the Kowloon Docks at Filipino Club tomorrow at 5.30 p.m. weather permitting:

F.-Rodrigues, A. J. Coelho, J. T. Cotton, F. A. Coelho, D. A. Rosario, Dr V. N. Aligaya, F. Tan, R. M. V. Siberio, A. F. Sousa, A. Bacheo, L. S. Silva, W. C. Ogley.

A Slice Of Real Life On The Film Set

The Excitement Of Being Shelley Winters

By MOORE RAYMOND

Like a hunted woman, Shelley Winters stole into London, paused for breath, and sped off to Hollywood.

To paraphrase the poet—the hounds of grief are on Winters' traces, because it seems certain that her marriage to actor Vittorio Gassman is irretrievably wrecked.

The star had been in London 24 hours before I heard about it. I put through a call to her hotel. The conversation, almost one-sided, was about as brief and simple as this:

"I flew in from Rome yesterday. Last night I saw Sam Wanamaker about doing a play with him in London. Today I'm flying home to see my baby. I'm packing and I'm in a terrible hurry. Sorry. Good-bye."

I heard later from an unsuccessful colleague that my getting through to Miss Winters was a lucky mistake. She'd given instruction that calls from newspapers weren't to be put through to her room.

I didn't have a chance to ask after her husband, a subject about which she's become very reticent, anyway.

Shelley and Vittorio were married two years ago, and a year later their daughter Vittoria was born. The husband was in Rome at the time.

At the end of last year the couple went to Rome to make a film called "Mambo." That was when the trouble began.

Signor Gassman started going round with 18-year-old Anna Maria Ferrero. Then the whole thing blew up.

TWO CONDITIONS

Shelley declared that Vittorio could have a divorce on two conditions:

1. He must pay her £1,800 a year for 18 years—to provide for the daughter;

2. He must guarantee in writing that he would marry Anna Maria Ferrero, the actress who played Ophelia to Gassman's Hamlet.

The husband's reply was to bring Anna Maria on to the set while Shelley was rehearsing, and the pair of them kept making remarks that the star didn't like.

So she threw her hand-mirror at them—and missed. Then they left the set.

Things quietened down after that. Not long ago their lawyers made a formal statement that they had agreed to a divorce, but no terms were mentioned—except that Shelley would keep Vittoria.

After saying good-bye to Miss Winters I went round to the Westminster Theatre, where Sam Wanamaker is starring in "The Big Knife"—the play about Hollywood with the lid off.

Backstage he told me that for some time he had wanted Shelley to play opposite him in a London production of the Tennessee Williams romantic comedy, "The Rose Tattoo."

"But," he said, "we still can't persuade the author that Shelley is right for the part. Now he's gone into hiding somewhere. So we're looking for another play to do together."

"But why do you particularly want to do a play with Miss Winters?"

"Because she's a fine and sensitive actress."

I recalled that when she played in a Hollywood stage production of "A Streetcar Named Desire" one of the critics wrote: "It takes real guts to be that bad.'

Wanamaker laughed it off and said he hoped to find the right play this summer.

"She was in to see the show last night," he said. "When she came to see me afterwards she was so upset she was crying."

So sad, sad Shelley has gone home to find comfort in her baby daughter.

AUTOBIOGRAPHY

The autobiography of ex-Hungarian actor S. Z. ("Cuddles") Sakall—you know, the nice old chap with the drooping cheeks—comes out next month.

Its sub-title is: "My Life Under the Emperor Francis Joseph, Adolf Hitler, and the Warner Brothers."

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A number of filmgoers "accidentally forgot" to hand back their polarised glasses after seeing the 3-D thriller "The House of Wax" at the Warner Theatre, London.

Since "The Command," in CinemaScope (no glasses), has been on at the Warner five pairs of 3-D glasses have been handed in.

Two Play-Off Dates Fixed By HKFA

At the meeting of the Hongkong Football Association Management Committee at the Association's offices last night it was decided that the runners-up position in the third division soccer league would be decided by a competition between the three teams that tied for second place — Jardines, S & S Tamar and Dairy Farms.

The draw for these matches sees S & S Tamar meeting Dairy Farms in the first match and then Jardines. Owing to uncertainty of available ground and date for the play-off, it was decided that these would be arranged by the HKFA Secretary after consultations with the officials of the three teams and advice of same will be published later.

Taikoo are learning it the hard way in their fight to appear in the top two teams in Division II. They were beaten out of the first position in the best of three play-off matches against Kowloon Motor Bus, and in the play-off to decide the runners-up, have drawn against South China twice, with the score at 1-1 in both instances. They meet South China in the third play-off at Club on Thursday at 6 p.m.

The following are the league standings issued by the HKFA up to and including May 10.

LEAGUE STANDINGS

1st Division

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	Goals A	Pts
KMB	22	16	1	3	70	23	37
South China	21	16	2	3	65	14	34
Kitchee	23	15	4	4	66	33	34
Army	21	13	4	4	52	22	30
Sing Tao	21	11	3	7	59	38	25
Kwong Wah	22	10	2	10	42	46	22
Club	23	9	3	11	53	56	21
Eastern	23	8	5	10	44	51	21
RAF	22	9	2	11	58	69	20
Police	23	9	2	12	48	53	20
CAA	24	3	4	17	24	68	10
Navy	24	3	3	18	30	78	9
St Joseph's	23	4	1	18	36	101	8
2nd Div. "A"							
KMB	24	22	2	0	102	33	46
South China	24	19	3	2	91	26	41
CAA	24	17	3	4	86	30	37
Army	24	13	4	7	71	42	30
Kitchee	24	13	4	7	61	41	30
RAF	24	12	4	10	66	57	28
Eastern	24	9	6	9	38	44	24
Navy	24	10	3	11	57	53	23
Police	24	9	1	14	40	59	19
Gymnastic	24	6	2	14	41	73	18
Club	24	2	4	18	39	73	8
Kwong Wah	24	2	2	20	21	96	6
St. Joseph's	24	1	2	21	40	117	4
2nd Div. "B"							
Taikoo	20	16	4	0	60	18	36
Western	20	14	1	5	70	37	29
CMB	20	11	2	7	56	56	24
Little Sai Wan	20	11	1	8	75	48	23
Prisons	20	10	3	7	57	40	23
REME	20	9	4	7	54	36	22
C & W	20	10	2	8	48	38	22
RAMC	20	7	2	11	54	71	16
Solicitors	20	6	4	11	38	53	14
Yard Police	20	2	4	14	26	68	8
Tramways	20	1	1	18	26	90	3
3rd Division							
CAT	20	17	2	1	99	42	36
Jardine	20	13	5	2	83	33	31
S & S Tamar	20	14	3	3	70	28	31
Dairy Farm	20	14	3	3	74	33	31
Kln Godown	20	11	1	8	66	38	23
Rediffusion	20	10	3	7	60	38	23
Telephone	20	7	1	12	41	70	15
RIL	20	5	2	13	41	45	12
L. Crawford	20	4	1	15	30	66	9
Hollandia	20	2	3	15	19	73	7
Star Ferry	20	0	2	18	19	105	2

2nd Division Championship play-off: 1st match—KMB 3, Taikoo 0; 2nd match—KMB 5, Taikoo 0.

2nd Division Runners-up play-off: 1st match—South China 1, Taikoo 1; 2nd match—South China 1, Taikoo 1.

HKFA MEETINGS

Two meetings will be held consecutively by the Hongkong Football Association committees on Monday, May 17 at the Association's offices.

The first commencing at 5.45 p.m. will be a Council meeting which, amongst other items on the agenda, will elect members to serve on various sub-committees in place of Mr L. G. Young who is going away on leave.

The second meeting following this, at 7 p.m. is one where the Selection Sub-Committee will meet to select teams for the following matches:

1. Great Britain for the International Charity Cup Final on Sunday, May 23.

2. Rest of Colony team for the Double Tenth Charity Match on Thursday, May 27.

IOC Congress Hold First Session

Athens, May 11.

Some 50 delegates from 40 nations discussed details of the composition of the International Olympic Committee, when the first session of the Committee's Congress was held here last night.

The Congress decided that in future no country will be allowed more than two members on the International Olympic Committee, and all IOC members elected in future must be able to speak either English or French.—Reuter.

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MIRROR METHOD

Equipped with a .38 calibre revolver in a side holster, he showed that he can draw and fire in two-fifths of a second.

He shot holes through the edge of a silver dollar tossed into the air. Resting on his back and aiming a revolver backward over his head, he looked through a mirror held between his knees and hit three out of three targets, four inches in diameter, hanging 30 feet away.

Bryce became a policeman at the age of 10 and his reputation as a sharpshooter spread rapidly.

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—(London Express Service)

HKDF Open Centenary Sports . . .

The first of the football matches marking the start of the Hongkong Volunteer Centenary celebrations in the sporting field, was played at Sookunpoo yesterday afternoon, when "Baker" Coy defeated "Charlie" Coy by the only goal of the match.

Pte Ismail broke through to score the lone tally, in a game which was featured by clean, although determined play.

The Hockey match between "Baker" Coy and the M. G. Platoon which was scheduled to be played at the same time and place, was postponed when it was found that a number of players representing "Baker" Coy were taking part in the football match on the adjacent field. A friendly knock-about was played instead.

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European Coal And Steel Assembly Meeting Today

Strasbourg, May 11.

Britain's form of association with the European Coal Steel Community will be a key topic at a session of the organisation's Common Assembly opening here today.

The Common Assembly, "Parliament" of the Coal Steel Pool, will be attended by representatives of the Parliaments of the six-member nations—France, Italy, West Germany, Holland, Belgium and Luxembourg.

Britain on May 3 published a White Paper announcing she had agreed to discuss proposals for an "association of markets" with the Community to reduce restrictions and customs duties.

Some members of the Community greeted this as agreement in principle on demands that Britain should form a closer association with the pool.

The first task of the Assembly will be to elect a successor to M Paul Henri Spaak, who recently resigned his Presidency on resuming his post as Belgian Foreign Minister.

Signor Alcide de Gasperi, former Prime Minister of Italy, is tipped to get the post.

M. Jean Monnet, President of the Community's high authority, will report to delegates on his recent visit to the United States, where he negotiated a 100 million-dollar (35,714,000 sterling) loan for a four-year plan to re-equip the Community's coal and steel industries.

The session, expected to last a week, will also hear progress reports by various committees, including a review of the housing conditions of European coal and steel workers.—Reuter.

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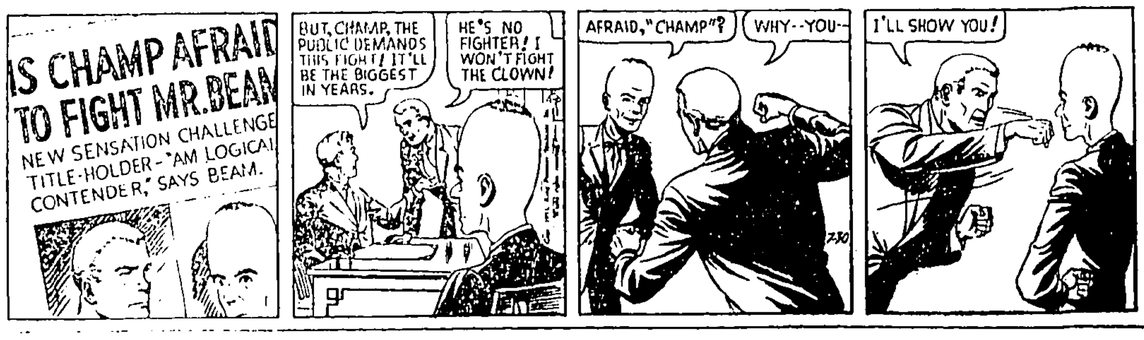

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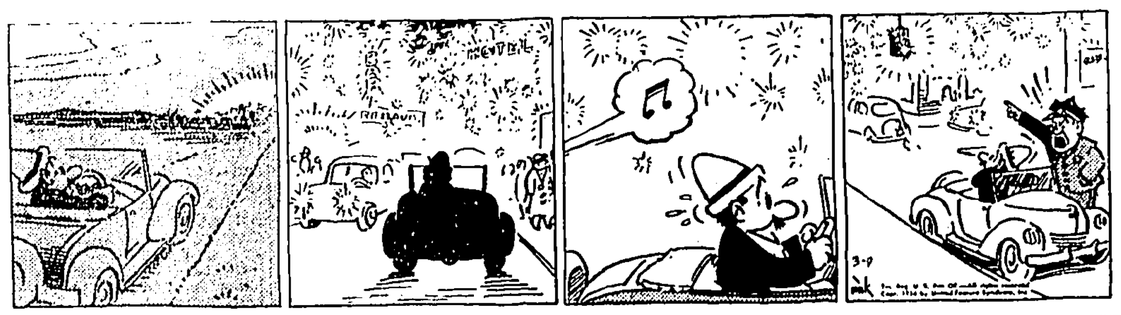

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Better Outlook For Far East Cargo Shipping

New York, May 10.

American, Japanese and European cargo steamship lines plying between New York and the Far East can expect a business pick-up in the next few months but beyond that the outlook is less encouraging, the Journal of Commerce said today.

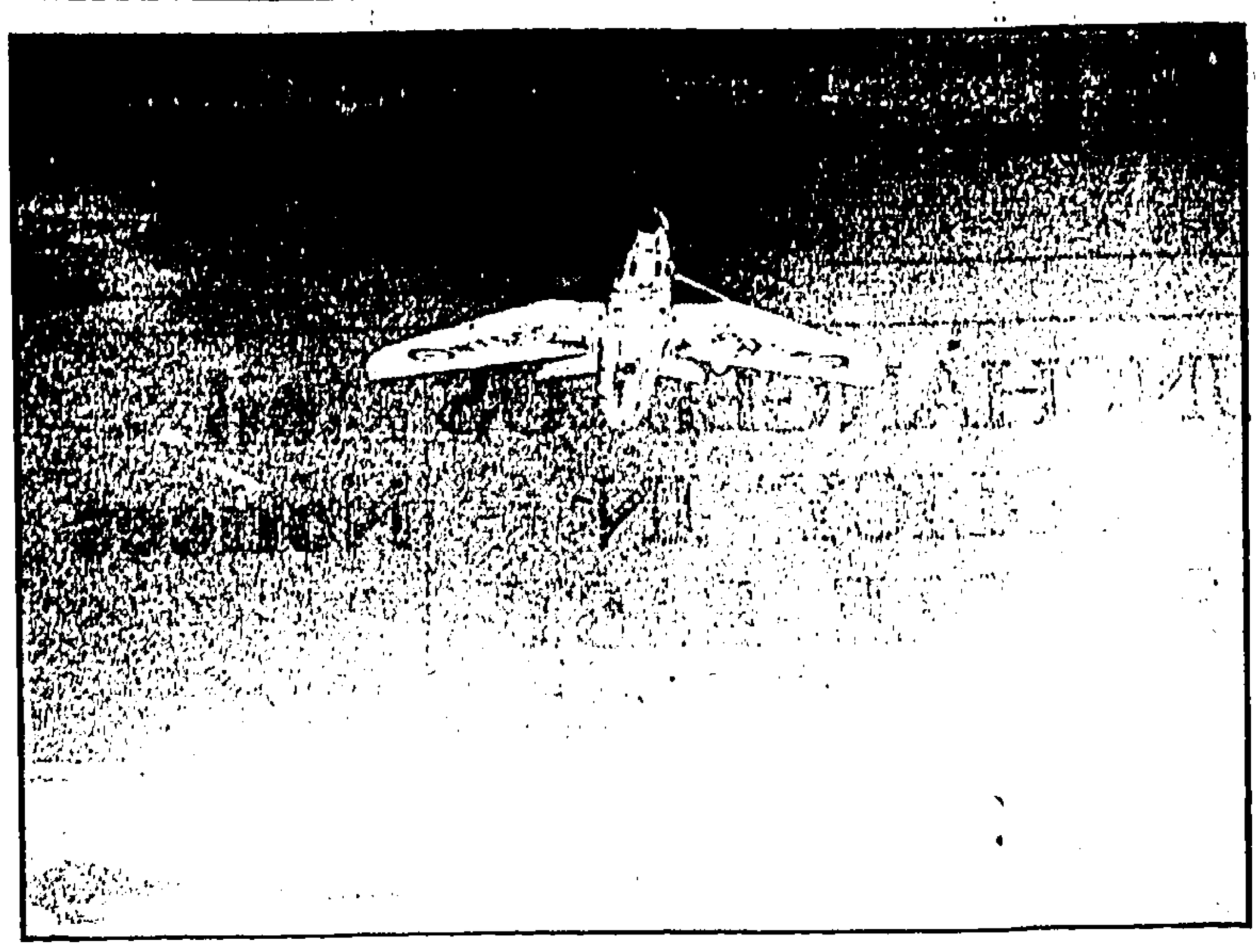
Main reason for the anticipated boost in cargo volume on these very competitive routes is the expected semi-annual allocation of dollars by Japan to its importers awaited sometime this month, the Journal said.

Past experience has shown requirements under these allocations have usually been transported in less than six months, so that the question of where to obtain sufficient cargo to maintain profitable schedules beyond that period still remains unsolved, it added.

The rebuilding of the Japanese merchant fleet after World War II has increased the competition on the New York-Far East route and sharpened as various Chinese coastal ports were closed to trade with the West.

The re-entry of Japan into the field has been so marked that Japanese freighters are now providing almost as many sailings between New York and the Far East as American and European ships combined.

The Journal noted that of the 21 sailings from New York to Yokohama scheduled on the 30 days ending May 27, Japanese lines are making ten, U.S.-flag carriers will provide six, while ships of various European and Philippine flag lines are making five sailings.—United Press.



Whoosh The Hawker Hunter speeds overhead at near sonic speed. The aircraft has just started squadron service with the R.A.F.

The Latest Round-Up of Aviation News From Britain

This Paint STICKS To The Sides Of High-Speed Fighters

This week's round up of aviation news from London tells you the interesting story that paint plays in the supersonic jet aircraft of today. Now British Industry has developed a finish based on a newly-developed resin which will not peel off the plane's fuselage. Other items in this week's round-up tell you of the progress being made in the search for a solution to the mystery of the Comet crashes, and finally news about the R.A.F.'s new TV map which is being installed at its traffic control centres. This map will help controllers see at a glance the position of aircraft in distress. This round-up, an exclusive China Mail feature, will in future be coming to you every Tuesday. It comes from the London headquarters of the Society of British Aircraft Manufacturers whose staff writers tell you in not-too-technical language the most important developments in British aviation each week.

A new high-speed paint for the latest jet fighters and bombers which will not peel off in flight near the speed of sound is being developed by a British company. It has already been tested on the tail of the latest Air Force operational aircraft and will shortly be used full-scale on one of the latest jet machines.

The paint or finish is based on a newly-developed resin which enables it to withstand great temperatures and to stick to the fuselage despite the very great friction which is generated by the air rushing past aircraft flying at high speeds. There is a tendency for existing finishes to peel off under these conditions.

The temperature rise due to skin friction at these high speeds is said to be roughly the speed of the aircraft divided by 100 and squared—so a plane flying at 700 mph will heat up above 50 C (7 x 7) above the local air temperature. This heat-rise may tend to soften the paint, which is then whipped off by the blast of air rushing past the aircraft. Rain or hail has also to be taken into account; at high speed, it hits the aircraft like a shot from a gun.

The new finish, developed by Cellon, is unaffected by temperatures up to 400°F, which is the heat possible near the exhausts of the latest jet engines. It is also resistant to jet fuels, lubricants and hydraulic fluids.

Tested On Roof

The new finish has been extensively tested at Cellon's factory near London. In one experiment to investigate its suitability for naval aircraft, a panel covered with the finish was placed on the roof of the factory and sprayed with salt-water three times a day. It has been scratched to test its toughness, bent in hot and cold tanks to test flexibility and put in an 'accelerated weather machine.' This sprays it with sea-water and alternatively subjects it to blistering ultra-violet light.

The new finish is a catalyst air-drying type based on the new epoxy-type resins. It is used in conjunction with a light-weight primer, so that only two coats are necessary—thus ensuring that weight is kept to the minimum.

Research into new paints not only gives new aircraft a completely adequate protective coating—it also gives them the best possible finish aerodynamically. In fact, if one jet fighter is 20 miles an hour faster than another in combat, the pilot may owe his victory to the man who gave his plane its 'finish.'

The importance of paint was drummed home in the early years of the last war. A captured German fighter was found to be 10 m.p.h. faster than the Spitfire—and experts were given orders to bring the Spitfire up to par. They tried everything without success—and then hit on the paint solution. By using a thinner smoother paint, they cut down drag over the wings and the [illegible] the 10 m.p.h. more speed that mattered.

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No further flight tests have been made yet of the Comet jet airliner, and it is unlikely that any of the aeroplanes will be flown for a few weeks.

The mystery of the Comet crashes is being probed at the Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough (Hants), and at the de Havilland works at Hatfield (Herts).

RAF test pilots attached to Farnborough and Mr John Cunningham, chief test pilot of de Havillands, are ready to take a Comet into the air whenever the "back-room boys" want testing done.

But at present work is concentrated in the laboratories and workshops.

Whole Airframe

A lot depends on the minute examination at Farnborough of the wreckage of the Comet which crashed off Elba on January 10. All four engines and the bulk of the airframe were salvaged from the sea.

The Comet, which dived into the sea off Naples on April 8 was lost without trace in very deep water.

The scientists are assuming that there was a common cause to both disasters.

They say that there is a great deal of analytical work to be done before any test flying.

Neither Comet was doing anything unusual when the crashes came. Each was climbing away from take-off just as Comets had been doing every day for nearly two years. To repeat this operation blindly may yield no result at all.

The experts want a guide on what to look for before a Comet flies again.

At Hatfield a series of high level conferences have been taking place to work out the lines of inquiry.

Work is still progressing there on the Comet II's which were to be introduced into service on the South American routes in the late summer.

Overtime has been stopped, but normal day work is going on.

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The Royal Air Force is installing a 'television map' system at its traffic control centres. The system has been especially designed to enable controllers to see at a glance the position of jet aircraft in distress.

The Royal Navy and Royal Netherlands Air Force are also installing this new equipment and civil aviation authorities are interested as well. The system has been developed by Standard Telephones and Cables Ltd.

The system works in the following way. Radio signals from the aircraft which are picked up on an airfield direction-finding set and converted to bearings, are fed by landline to the control centre.

Here, bearings from two or more of these stations in different parts of the country are shown on the television map, and the controller knows that the aircraft's position is at the intersection of the bearings. The controller can see at a glance where the aircraft is, and can then direct it to an appropriate airfield.

In other words, the system is an automatic, modernised version of the technique, pioneered during the war, in which incoming radio bearings were plotted on a map by WAAFs using pieces of string. One end of the string was pinned firmly on the map at the radio station. The point where two or more pieces of string intersected showed the position of the aircraft.

All this of course took time, and with the advent of the jet aircraft, where even a minute may be vital, it became necessary to develop a fully-automatic system which showed the position of the aircraft at a glance.

The standard VHF automatic direction finding systems now installed at most airfields were of course a step in this direction, but these sets merely show on a dial the direction or bearing of the aircraft. They cannot show how far it is from the airfield.

This may mean that in an emergency, the pilot may be in doubt as to the best airfield to fly to, particularly if it is at night or he is above the cloud, and not certain of his position. Getting a fix from two or more stations may take the control centre time.

Phone Line Used

Using the new television map, control centres can give the pilot all the necessary instructions, including information about reducing his height to the point where he is taken over by the local controllers at the airfield.

The new television screen system, called 'triangulation,' taps signals from the VHF direction-finding equipment installed at the local airfields. This information is then fed along the ordinary 'telephonic landline to the control centre, where the signals are converted by a television-type receiver.

The airfield controller can still receive information from his direction-finding system, and have it displayed on a cathode ray tube, on any frequency, without interference, while the control centre is 'tapping' his set. The control centre can use information from up to ten different D.F. stations.

The equipment at the control centre consists of a large ground-glass display screen, either 40 or 60 inches square. On it is a specially-prepared map, showing topographical features, airfields, towns, etc. The screen is indirectly illuminated from the rear.

Behind the screen are the cathode ray tubes—up to ten of them, depending on the number of D.F. stations used. Incoming information appears as a bright line shooting out from each station which is being used, and the aircraft sending out signals is at the intersection of the 'triangle.'

TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

Mr Butler Did Not Forget Britain's Shipping Industry

This article, by a Financial Times Correspondent, tells how Mr Butler's new investment allowance will help the British shipping industry particularly those lines which now want to replace their present ships.

Some idea of the tremendous costs confronting British shipping lines planning replacements today can be gained from the statement of the Chaiman of the Union-Castle line who said the fleet cost £33 million to build and would cost £82 million to replace at current prices.

The allowance announced in last month's budget will also help the shipbuilders whose orders for new tonnage have declined sharply in recent months.

"The new investment allowance," said Mr Butler, in delivering the budget last month, "should also help the shipping industry to carry out the big replacements which are necessary in the years ahead."

It comes only just in time. The size of the U.K. merchant shipping fleet in relation to the world fleet has fallen from 55 per cent, in 1905 to only about 20 per cent today; and the decline since 1939 in the dry-cargo fleet has only been masked by the fact that the tanker tonnage is up by about a third.

More immediately pressing is the age of the U.K. fleet. The first of the accompanying tables shows that the U.K. compares well with the world figures, which are depressed by the middle-age of the large U.S. fleet, but makes a poor showing compared with, say, Norway, one of our principal rivals.

And these figures too are affected by the inclusion of new tanker tonnage; if tankers are omitted, the 21 per cent of U.K. tonnage under five years of age is reduced to 17 per cent.

The ageing of the fleet is a threat rather than a fact as yet. Orders for new ships have to be placed two or three years ahead, and it is only in the last couple of years that orders have begun to fall off seriously.

Still in the single year 1952-53, the proportion of vessels less than 10 years old fell sharply from 55 to 50 per cent. The tendency to postpone replacement is very real, and Mr Butler's new proposals have come at an opportune moment.

FEELING THE BENEFIT

In principle, the new proposal applies no differently to shipping than to other industrial equipment, though shipping will feel the benefit most.

Under the old system of initial allowances a company was allowed to charge to depreciation a relatively larger part of the initial cost of its equipment in the year of purchase, and a relatively smaller proportion in later years.

In effect, a company received a loan from the Exchequer which had to be paid back in the form of smaller deductions later on—and it became more and more common for the initial allowance to be neutralised in accounting practice.

Initial allowances were a bait that worked at first, but ceased to allure on reflection.

The new investment allowance, on the other hand, is a real gift. Anyone who buys a new piece of machinery will get 20 per cent of its cost allowed against tax, and the 20 per cent will not be deducted when ordinary depreciation is calculated (or for the purpose of calculating the balancing charge if the machine is sold).

The Treasury is saying in effect: 'We will subsidise those companies who invest in new equipment to the tune of 9½ per cent of its capital cost (that is, to the extent of the income-tax and profits tax on the 20 per cent allowance which the Inland Revenue now forgoes).

Anyone who buys a new ship which costs £1m. will now have to pay only £905,000 for it; the Exchequer will make up the difference by remitting £95,000 of tax to the purchaser.

WELCOME MOVE

This innovation will be very welcome to the shipowners, who have been making representations to the Chancellor for some time about the havoc wreaked in their finances by the old system of depreciation.

The industry's tax depreciation allowances in the last year for which there are figures totalled 69 per cent of assessed profits—3½ times the average.

To build a new ship today costs roughly four times what it cost in 1939 and twice what it cost immediately after the war. If you bought a ship with a 20-year life in 1934 and have been depreciating it over the years on the basis of what it cost, there will be a big gap to make up before you can buy a new one.

The present Union-Castle fleet, for example, cost about £33m. to build; the chairman has estimated that it would cost £82m. to replace at current prices.

To replace the P. and O. fleet would cost £300m., or some £15m. a year; in fact, the company was able last year to set aside only £14.7m.—and this figure included initial allowances as well as normal depreciation.

The Orient Line built the *Orcades* in 1949 for about £3.5m.; its sister-ship, the *Orsova*, will cost £5.5m. this year. So the *Orcades*, even if prices rise no further, will have to earn a surplus of no less than £7.5m. for replacement over its life — £3.5m. which the Inland Revenue allows for depreciation on its actual cost, and £4m., of which the tax-gatherer takes half, for making up the difference in price.

SHIPBUILDERS' POSITION

Shipbuilders as well as shipowners will benefit from Mr Butler's proposals. Orders from British owners represent something like 60 per cent of the total orders for new shipping in British yards (last year—a bad year—the figure was 380,000 tons out of a total of 520,000 tons). And British orders have been falling off.

It has been estimated that new orders should amount to some 700,000 tons a year to keep the present fleet in being; last year they fell some 46 per cent short of this total. If the new step helps the shipowners it will benefit the shipyards as well.

TABLE I

AGE OF THE WORLD'S MERCHANT FLEETS

Age	World %	U.K. %	U.S. %	Norway %	Panama %
Under 5 years	18	21	3	40	20
5-10 years	29	29	41	20	26
10-15 years	25	22	44	14	22
15-20 years	5	9	1	8	2
20-25 years	5	6	2	8	5
Over 25 years	18	13	9	10	4

Age of the world's merchant fleets, expressing the numbers in each age-group as a percentage of the total. Figures by courtesy of Lloyd's Register.

TABLE II

THE COST OF SHIP REPLACEMENT

Type of vessel	Cost 1938 £	Cost 1953 £	5% depen. p.a. On cost £	5% depen. p.a. On replacement £	Depen. not provided p.a. £
12½ knot superior tramp	145,000	570,000	7,250	28,500	21,250
14½ knot plain cargo liner	260,000	1,000,000	13,000	50,000	37,000
17½ knot specialised cargo liner	475,000	1,550,000	23,750	77,500	53,750

Source: Sir Donald Anderson, writing in the National Provincial Bank Review.

Last Voyage For An Old Veteran

Capetown, May 10.

The ship the enemy could not sink will enter Capetown docks for the last time towards the end of May—the Union Castle veteran 12,044-ton Llangibby Castle, now on her farewell voyage round Africa before being withdrawn from service.

She had several narrow escapes during World War II surviving a bombing attack in port and being shelled from the North African coast. She was also involved in a collision during the period of the Normandy invasion.

Her closest call was when a submarine shot away her stern, rudder and after gun with a torpedo. She travelled 3,400 miles in the North Atlantic in this crippled state with 1,400 service men and crew on board.—China Mail Special.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

Business on the Stock Exchange this morning amounted to $107,095. Noon quotations and the morning's dealings:—

SHARES	BUYERS	SELLERS	SALES
BANKS			
HK Bank			3 @ 1060
East Asia	172		
INSURANCES			
Union XD	800		5 @ 850
DOCKS, ETC			
K. Wharf		70	
S'hai Dock	1.70		100 @ 1.70
Wheelock	7.40	7.50	500 @ 7.45
LAND, ETC.			
HK Hotel		8½	
HK Land	56	59	200 @ 58½
[illegible]		33½	
S'hai Land	1.60	1.65	1,000 @ 1.60
Realty	2.02½	2.07½	10,000 @ 2.05
UTILITIES			
Tram		27	
Star Ferry		130	
C. Light (O) XD		15½	
C. Light (N) XD		12.60	
Electric		30¼	300 @ 30
Macao Elec	11.80	12.20	500 @ 12
Telephone		20.90	
INDUSTRIALS			
Cement	17	17.30	
STORES, ETC.			
Dairy	23½	23.80	300 @ 23.60
MISCELLANEOUS			
Yaumati	145	148	200 @ 146

Singapore Rubber Market

Singapore, May 10.

The market was quiet with some limited trading. Prices fluctuated narrowly and were slightly easier at the close. Prices:

No. 1 rubber per lb. May	60¼-60¾
June	60⅞-61⅛
July	61⅛-61⅜
No. 2 rubber per lb. May	59¾-59⅞
No. 3 rubber per lb. May	58⅝-58⅞
No. 4 rubber per lb. May	58¼-58¾
Spot rubber unbaled	60-60½
Blanket crepe	55½-56½
No. 1 pale crepe	68-69

—United Press.

NEW YORK MARKET

New York, May 10.

Rubber futures closed today 35 to 55 points lower with sales of 65 contracts.

A lack on buying interest, plus hedge selling and liquidation cut prices on a gradual basis.

Spot No. 1 sheets were quoted at 21¼ cents a pound. Prices:

May	21.21
July	21.70b
September	22.00b
December	22.55b
March	22.65b
May	22.65b

—United Press.

LONDON MARKET

London, May 10.

The rubber market was dull with No. 1 Rss spot quoted at 18-5/16 pence per lb. Prices:

No. 1 Rss spot	18¼-18⅜
Settlement house term:	
June	18⅛-18⅜
July/Sept.	18⅜-18⅝
Oct./Dec.	18⅝-18⅞
Jan./Mar.	18¾-19
Apr./June	18⅞-19⅛
General markets, cif basis, ports:	
May	18-18 1/16
June	18 1/16-18⅛
July	18 3/16-18¼
Estate crepe thin	20⅛-20⅜

—United Press.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:—

U.S. dollar (per $1)	5.74
Sterling notes (per £1)	15.73
Indonesian rupiah (per 100)	22.40
Siam ticals (per 100)	26.00
Singapore (Straits)	1.78
Indo-China piastres (per 100)	6.67

America Wants Ceylon To End Trade Pact With Red China

Colombo, May 10.

The United States' suggestion that Ceylon terminate her rubber and rice trade pact with China in exchange for American aid is now being actively explored.

But sources pointed out that the United States cannot fix the minimum price for Ceylon rubber without upsetting her trade with other countries. Neither can she give Ceylon aid as long as Ceylon sells strategic materials to the Chinese Communists.

The Battle Act forbids this. Hence, the United States proposal for substantial U.S. financial aid, some part of which it was suggested, be used to subsidise rubber producers and the economic development.

Cabinet members who oppose the suggestion pointed out that if Ceylon terminates the pact with China, which has three years to run, she will be entirely dependent on American generosity, which, they said, may dry up should Ceylon disagree with American policy.

The Ceylon-China pact is due for price revision at the end of this year. The American suggestion is that this would be a good opportunity to terminate it.

Last week the Minister of Commerce was asked in the House of Representatives whether he proposed to terminate the China pact.

His reply was "Certainly not."—United Press.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

New York, May 10.

All major stocks moved into new high ground today but the initial gains were cut later in the day.

Trading was largely routine, with the day's turnover 1,800,000 against Friday's 2,070,000 and the smallest since last April 22.

Industrials were fractionally higher on balance, with their average at the highest level since October 22, 1929. Leading issues moved narrowly either way.

Steel shares were fractionally higher as the industry operated at the best pace in two months. Bethlehem rose half a point. US Steel gained ¼ and General Motors ⅜, ex-dividend.

Of 1,180 issues traded, 506 were higher, 408 lower. There were 108 new highs and 18 new lows.

The New York Stock Exchange bond volume was $3,753,000.

The American Stock Exchange volume was 420,000 shares.

Dow Jones closing averages were:

30 industrials	321.32
20 rails	—
15 utilities	50.73
65 stocks	120.25
40 bonds	—
Comm. future price index	170.74

—United Press.

Official's Faith In US Economy

Chicago, May 10.

The United States' economic decline was not serious and the time had not yet come for "emergency action," one of President Eisenhower's chief economic advisers said today.

Mr Meyer Kestnbaum, Chairman of the President's Study Commission on Inter-Governmental Relations, said United States business could solve the current economic decline and future "ups and downs" through research and more foresight.

Mr Kestnbaum spoke at the opening session of the 34th annual conference of the National Association of Mutual Savings Banks.

"We have effective means for dealing with an emergency if it should arise, but that time has not yet come," he said.

Business could prevent sharp economic fluctuations by exploiting to the fullest the possibilities of research.

"Business could also help to develop demand by improving its marketing methods," Mr Kestnbaum said.

He said the development of new products and services, together with improvements in marketing, helped to increase total demand and economic growth, and thus contributed to long-range economic stability.

"The better these things are done, the greater will be the contribution of business to stability," he said.

Mr Kestnbaum added, "Our economy is strong, and it possesses important dynamic factors making for long-range growth. The real task before us is not the prevention of economic collapse, but the management of the inevitable lesser fluctuations."—United Press.

New York Cotton Market

New York, May 10.

Cotton futures finished a slow session today with a smart closing rally for the new crop months.

Trading volumes and open interests in the Exchange today were:

Month	Volume	Open interest
May	26,800	75,200
July	42,900	687,000
Oct.	18,500	247,400
Mar.	19,400	303,500
May	8,100	109,400
July	7,100	150,800
Oct.	800	90,700
Total	900	10,900
	124,500	1,773,900 bales

—United Press.

NEW YORK PRICES

New York, May 10.

	Closing Prices
Spot	35.35n
May	34.55-56
July	34.60
Oct.	34.24
Dec.	34.20
Mar.	34.27
May	34.25
July	33.90
Oct.	32.05b

—United Press.

New York Sugar Market

New York, May 10.

World No. 4 sugar futures closed today unchanged to one point lower with sales of 241 contracts.

Domestic No. 6 sugar futures closed unchanged with sales of 54 contracts.

Buying credited to Cuban account, steadied the market after a faltering start.

Dealers sought confirmation of rumours to the effect that India, over the week-end bought 50,000 tons of British refined sugar. This was part of the business Cuba had hoped to obtain.

Future closings were:

Contract No. 4 (world)

July	3.32
September	3.30
October	3.29
January	3.30b
March	3.34b
May	3.32
July	3.34
Spot (cents per lb. fob Cuba)	3.33

Open interest: 5,011 contracts.

Contract No. 6

July	6.08
September	5.73
November	5.73b
March	5.83
Spot (cents per lb. cif NY ex-duty)	6.00

Open interest: 7,308 contracts.—United Press.

London Foreign Exchange

London, May 10.

New York	2.80 13/16-2.81 15/16
Montreal	2.77 3/16-2.77 5/16
Amsterdam	10.62⅞-10.64⅛
Blocked Mark	11 15/16-12
Hamburg	11.73⅛-11.75⅛
Brussels	140.75-140.80
Copenhagen	19.43⅛-19.40¾
Oslo	20.00¾-20.01¼
Paris	980⅛-980¼
Stockholm	14.56-14.56
Zurich	12.23¾-12.24

—United Press.

NEW YORK EXCHANGE

New York, May 10.

Canada	$1.01 11/16
England—official	2.81⅛
" unofficial	2.75-2.78
" 30-day futures	2.81 13/16
" 90-day futures	2.81⅝
South Africa	2.82¼

—United Press.

LONDON METAL MARKET

London, May 10.

The tin market was very steady while the others were all steady but quiet. Prices in sterling per long ton as follows:—

		buyers	sellers
Tin	spot	719	720
	3-month	717	718
Copper	spot	244½	245
	3-month	239⅝	240
Lead	May	96½	98
	Aug.	93⅛	93¼
Zinc	May	79¼	79¾
	Aug.	78⅛	78¾

—United Press.

NEW YORK FUTURES

New York, May 10.

Prices of metal futures closed today in US cents per lb. as follows:—

Lead	May	13.35b
	June	13.35b
Tin	May	93.25b
	June	92.50b
Zinc	May	10.25b
	June	10.25b
Copper	May	29.50b
	June	29.50b

—United Press.

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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

Another Day

FOR Margaret the day was just another day. In the morning she woke up, dressed, drank the cup of coffee that was breakfast. She put on her coat, slammed the door securely on her furnished room, hurried to the bus stop, got to her work in the West End just in time.

All morning she worked. Today was just like yesterday had been, just like tomorrow would be.

It was better, thus, perhaps than life for Margaret had been a few weeks earlier. Then, she had been in prison. But then there had been something to look forward to freedom. Now there was no longer that. She was free.

This was freedom: this obedience to the clock.

IF ONLY THEY KNEW

MARGARET is a dressmaker. She is 28 years old, not unattractive, with dark hair elaborately arranged and a full mouth that slips too easily into pouting.

All the morning she worked at her dressmaking, and she thought: "If I go on like this it will drive me mad."

"Time for your lunch, dear," somebody said. Margaret, obedient to the mouthpiece of the clock, put down her work. She submitted to and shared in the cloakroom banter of the other girls whose luncheon hour was the same as hers.

"You little stupids," she thought, "if you knew as much as I knew, if you had been through as much." But she held her tongue and went off on her own.

LUNCH HOUR

SHE had no appetite for luncheon. So she went drinking. And as the drinks slipped down, self-pity welled up in her, and self confidence.

She went to a store where they sell good clothes for women, and she saw women buying trifles that would have cost her a month's pay. She went to the coat department.

After much trial and error, she found a coat that fitted and enchanted her. She put on her own poor coat over it, and walked out of the store. She was stopped outside.

Next morning, at Great Marlborough Street, Margaret pleaded guilty to stealing a £22 10s. coat.

"When she was stopped, she struggled and tried to escape," the store-detective who had caught her said to Mr Rowland Thomas, QC, the magistrate.

"I held her until the commissionaire came," she added.

DRINK BEHIND IT

THE police officer, who had been called, went into the witness-box. "When she was arrested she said, 'Give me another chance, I've been drinking.' She had £4 10s. on her," he said.

"Is anything known about her?" the magistrate asked.

"Yes, sir, there are 14 previous convictions, eight of them for larceny." The policeman began to read from Margaret's record. "She lives," he ended, "in a furnished room in Tottenham."

"Is drink behind it, do you think?" Mr Thomas asked.

"I think so, sir," the policeman said. "Her landlord is here, and would like to speak to you . . ."

"Very well," the magistrate said.

NEVER TAKEN ANYTHING

"THERE'S been plenty of money around in my place," the landlord said, "and this girl's never taken anything. Money's just been lying around, but she's never taken a thing."

"What do you want to say?" the magistrate asked Margaret.

"Nothing," she answered.

She was remanded in custody, so that the doctors might look at her. She went away, shaking her head, as if the whole business puzzled her, as if she could not understand yet how such an ordinary day had ended so.

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5-Power Military Talks In S'pore To Be Announced

Washington, May 10.

Arrangements for a high level five-power military conference in Singapore to discuss the Southeast Asian situation will be announced in Geneva later this week, Reuter learned authoritatively today.

The meeting, which will take place soon thereafter, will be composed of high military representatives, possibly chiefs of staff of the United States, Britain, Australia and New Zealand.

Interested Asian countries are being kept informed of the arrangements and will be in close liaison with the conference throughout.

The conference will investigate military aspects of the present situation in Indo-China and the implications for Southeast Asian and Western Pacific defences of the latest developments in the Indo-China war including the fall of the Dien Bien Phu.

But its primary purpose will be two-fold.

Firstly, the military leaders will discuss the potential military aspects of guaranteeing and enforcing any settlement of the Indo-China problem which may be reached at the Geneva Far Eastern conference.

The hope here is that such a settlement will be reached and that it will be guaranteed not only by the United States, Britain and France but also by Asian countries such as India, Pakistan and Ceylon. Britain has already expressed its willingness to join in such a guarantee.

Secondly, the military leaders will discuss what measures should be taken regarding the collective defence of Southeast Asia against future Communist aggression if no Indo-China settlement is reached at Geneva.

GENERAL OPINION

Concensus in Western diplomatic circles here is that a collective defence pact in Southeast Asia and the Western Pacific will be necessary whether an Indo-China settlement is reached at Geneva or not. But the outcome at Geneva may well determine what form that collective security arrangement will take and who will join it.

It is possible, for example, that India might be willing to join in a collective defence arrangement guaranteeing a settlement reached at Geneva but might be unwilling to join in a collective security arrangement if a settlement is not reached at Geneva.

The view expressed here is therefore that the planning of a Southeast Asia pact is independent of the Geneva conference but cannot fail to be influenced by its outcome one way or the other.

Arrangements for the five-power meeting are being discussed by the State Department this week with the representatives not only of the nations which will participate but with those Asian nations which are being kept informed.

The formal announcement of the meeting in Singapore is scheduled to be made by the powers concerned from the Geneva conference.—Reuter.

Text Of Vietminh Proposals

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delegation issued a statement tonight detailing the earlier proposal by Mr Pham Van Dong, Deputy Prime Minister, for the evacuation of wounded at Dien Bien Phu.

The statement said that in conformity with the "humanitarian policy" which it had always pursued during the war the Vietminh Government was "prepared to authorise the evacuation of the seriously wounded of the French Expeditionary Corps who were taken prisoner at Dien Bien Phu."

The statement added: "If the French Government is disposed to evacuate these wound, the representatives of both commands will undertake on-the-spot practical measures necessary for carrying out this evacuation."

Geneva, May 10.

Soviet Foreign Minister Mr Molotov told General Walter Bedell Smith, the American delegate, tonight that it was his understanding that the Vietminh proposal for the evacuation of the Dien Bien Phu wounded was meant to include both French and Vietnamese seriously wounded, American quarters said.

Mr Molotov said a member of his delegation had discussed the matter with the Vietminh. He had also talked to Chou En-lai, the Chinese Prime Minister, about it.—Reuter.

NAVARRE INSTRUCTED

Paris, May 10.

The French Government has sent instructions to General Henri Navarre, French Commander-in-Chief in Indo-China, to make arrangements for the recovery of seriously wounded members of the French Expeditionary Corps, it was announced here tonight.

The instructions were given as soon as the Vietminh proposals regarding French wounded were known here.—Reuter.

WOMAN FOUND STRANGLED

London, May 10.

The 64-year-old mother-in-law of the British actor, Michael Rennie, was found dead in her apartment today and the police said she had been strangled, apparently by a robber.

The body of Mrs Violet McGrath was discovered by her daughter, Mrs Margaret Rennie, when Mrs Rennie returned to the apartment after a trip to Rome, where her husband is making a film.

Mrs Rennie told the police she stumbled over the body, which was lying on the floor of the entrance hall near the door.

The police said Mrs McGrath had been strangled with a stocking or a cord.—United Press.

Socialists Lose Council Seat

Ebbw Vale, May 11.

Socialists lost a seat in yesterday's local elections at Thymney, one of the districts of the Parliamentary Constituency of Ebbw Vale represented by Mr Aneurin Bevan, the left-wing Labour Party leader.

But 10 out of the 13 members of the new local Council are Socialists.—Reuter.

Storm Wrecks 50 Ships

Tokyo, May 11.

Over 50 small ships were reported wrecked by the big storm which hit northern Japan, including Hokkaido, from Sunday night to Monday, according to Kyodo news agency.

The agency, quoting reports reaching the Nemuro Maritime Safety Board authorities, said by 1000 hours yesterday, 15 fishing boats in waters southeast of Nemuro had sent distress signals while 11 other were missing and another six had sunk off Cape Chidoko, on Hokkaido's Okhotsk coast.

In Nemuro port, one Government boat of 500 tons, three crane boats and four other minor craft were sunk.

Big damage was also caused to the waterfront with 20,000 cubic feet of lumber washed away and many godowns containing silk cocoons flooded.

Eight patrol boats from Kushiro and two others from Otaru were sent to rescue ships in distress last night amid winds of over 20 metres a second at sea.—Reuter.

Queen Receives A Gift

After a most enthusiastic welcome, Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh attended a school children's rally at Malta. Here the Queen is presented with a model of a traditional Maltese horse and carriage.—London Express Photo.

Good Year For Hongkong Engineering & Construction Co.

An increased profit for the year of $168,672 was disclosed at the annual general meeting this morning of the Hongkong Engineering and Construction Co., Ltd., while the Chairman, Mr Lawrence Kadoorie, also declared that an extensive building programme was being continued.

He said that nine houses were in project or under construction at Kadoorie Avenue, adding, "there is no doubt that a demand still exists for residential accommodation."

Proposing the adoption of the report and accounts, Mr Kadoorie said:

From the accounts, you will notice that in the Profit & Loss Appropriation Account the net profit for the past year amounts to $400,838.34 as against $232,165.86 of 1952, showing an increase of $168,672.48. To this profit must be added the sum of $165,317.07 brought forward from 1952, making a total of $566,155.41, from which it is proposed to transfer to Land and Buildings Reserve $400,000 and to declare the same dividend as last year absorbing $75,000. The carry forward to 1954 will then be $91,155.41.

Turning to the Balance Sheet, you will see that the item—"Land and Buildings Reserve"—stands at $1,000,000. The reason for this is that the Company have a number of vacant sites, which, whilst extremely valuable, were quite unproductive, and it is considered, in the shareholders' best interest, to develop these sites rather than to leave them idle. The extensive building programme of developing the Estate is being continued with no less than nine houses being in project or under construction at Kadoorie Avenue. Practically all of these houses have been booked by tenants at reasonable rentals, and there is no doubt that a demand still exists for residential accommodation.

CROWN LEASES

In December last, we received from Government, Crown Leases of the four houses we erected on our Estates three years ago. With the exception of the new houses recently put up, we have the Crown Leases of all the houses.

You will also note that Reserve for future Corporation Profit Tax has been made in the accounts, and the figure of Staff Retirement Fund has been brought to a total of $100,000.

Our Franki piling machines were kept continuously busy during the past year, and judging from the number of contracts secured so far from the beginning of this year, there is every hope that the piling jobs will equal, if not exceed, those of 1953. To cope with the demands, we have ordered from Belgium a further piling machine with all necessary spare parts and piling tubes.

I will now propose that the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year 1953 be adopted as presented, and that the balance at the credit of the Profit & Loss Appropriation Account of $566,155.41 be dealt with as follows:—

Transfer to Land and Building Reserve $400,000; paying a dividend of 10c per share on 500,000 fully-paid shares $60,000; and 5c per share on 500,000 partly-paid shares $25,000; leaving a balance of $91,155.41 to be carried forward to 1954.

The Report and Statement of Accounts were adopted on the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Tong Sik-ming.

The Hon. M.W. Lo and the Hon. Lawrence Kadoorie were re-elected Directors. This was proposed by Mr F. Wong, seconded by Mr J. Grant. Messrs Lowe, Bingham and Matthews were re-elected the Company's Auditors at a remuneration of $3,000 a year, on the proposition of Mr W. A. Welch, seconded by Mr C. Kwok.

Alleged Possession Of Drug

The case against Yue Hung-yue, on a charge of possession of 67 packets of heroin, opened before Judge A. D. Scholes at the Victoria District Court this morning.

Yue pleaded not guilty to the charge.

Insp. T. Kavanagh said that at 9 p.m. on March 22, a Police Corporal, Chow Man-kam, saw the accused in Sung Hing Lane near Des Voeux Road West, holding several small paper packets of various colours. The Corporal then identified himself and seized the packets which were found to contain heroin powder. The heroin seized amounted to three grammes, Insp. Kavanagh said.

Hearing is continuing.

IS THIS WHAT IT MEANS?

Washington, May 10.

Representative Wayne Hays (Democrat) said today that the administration was counting on the monsoon in Indo-China to hold up the Communists.

"I'm wondering if the monsoon is the new policy of massive retaliation they've been talking about," he told the House.—United Press.

UNCHANGED US POLICY IN MIDDLE EAST

Washington, May 10.

American officials said today that there had been no change in the United States' policy of attempting to bolster the economic, political and military security of the Middle East without playing favourites in local disputes of the area.

They acknowledged that some recent official remarks on Middle Eastern affairs had been more frank than heretofore, but explained that they merely reflected long-held State Department views which had not previously been aired so openly.

The "frank" remarks, which have aroused reaction and some resentment in the Arab States and Israel, were made by the Assistant Secretary of State, Mr Henry Byroade, in recent addresses in Dayton Ohio, and Philadelphia.

In the Dayton speech, Mr Byroade accused the Arabs of a "dangerous policy" of maintaining a state of affairs "delicately suspended between peace and war" because they were unwilling to accept the State of Israel as an "accomplished fact".

He urged Israel to abandon theocratic concepts and "drop the attitude of the conqueror and the conviction that force and a policy of retaliatory killings is the only policy that your neighbours will understand."

At Philadelphia, Mr Byroade said that Israeli mass appeals for immigration to the new State frightened the Arabs and worsened the tension in that area.

FEARS AROUSED

The Israelis interpreted this as interference in their affairs and American pressure to halt immigration. State Department officials denied this, saying Mr Byroade was merely explaining that the "appeals" did, in fact, arouse Arab fears.

Any ideas that Mr Byroade may have been speaking his personal views and not those of the government were rejected by American officials, who said the Assistant Secretary's remarks were approved.

The decision to adopt a more "frank" attitude towards the problems of the area stems from the Secretary of State's conviction that American influence for peace and stability can be most effective only if foreign nations understand clearly just what the United States government thinks about any given situation.

Officials said the Byroade statements were not to be construed as meaning that the United States is taking any side in the Israeli-Arab disputes but merely as an effort to let each side know clearly that in the American view both could do much to help better relations.

The State Department sees no reason for Israeli concern over the United States plan to extend limited military aid to Iraq. It is pointed out that such aid, which is received only after assurances that it will not be used for aggression is designed to be utilised within the framework of general anti-Communist security arrangements in the Middle East.

US GOVT'S PLAN

The United States government plans to try to tie Iraq, as well as other Middle East States, into the Turkish-Pakistani alliances if it is agreeable to those countries.

The American assertion is that aid given to these countries is anti-Communist insurance for Israel, since the nations mentioned bar the way to Soviet conquest of Israel.

The United States intends to continue to approach the question of arms aid to Middle East States most cautiously, agreeing to assist only those countries which are about ready to be tied into a general security agreement.

The idea is to avoid arming any country which would have no restraints against use of the arms for other than resistance to Communist aggression.

State Department officials appeared to be taking a calm view of the numerous appeals in Israel over the weekend for mass immigration of Jews. The consensus was that the speakers realised that they were advocating an impossibility in view of the new State's limited capacity for absorption.—United Press.

PLANE CRASHES INTO FACTORY

Naples, May 10.

An Italian Air Force Vampire jet crashed in flames into a Coco Cola factory here today, killing the pilot and one worker and seriously injuring ten workers.

The pilot was 21-year-old Flight Sergeant Antonio Durante.—United Press.

Buried With Military Honours

Private Robert Henry Munday, 1 Dorset, drowned while bathing in a stream near Fanling on Saturday afternoon, was buried with full military honours at Happy Valley this morning.

Cpl. Munday, deceased's brother, was the chief mourner at the funeral which was attended by the Officer Commanding, 1 Dorset, Lt-Colonel O.G.W. White, DSO, and men of the Regiment.

Eight comrades carried the casket off a gun-carrier into the cemetery, followed by a long cortege of Officers, a firing party, an armed party, and four buglers. The Regimental band was in attendance.

The Rev J. Q. Meeres, Chaplain of the Forces, conducted the graveside service followed by a gun salute and the playing of the "Last Post" and "Reveille."

Wreaths were laid by Colonel White, Cpl Munday (for Mrs Munday); Capt. R.H. Feltham on behalf of the MT Platoon; and representatives of the Officers' Mess and Sergeants' Mess, 1st B'n Dorsetshire Regiment; and Support Company, 2nd Company, Dorsetshire Regt.

Found With Opium Pipe

Pleading guilty to a charge of possession of an opium pipe, Tsang Ping, an elderly man, was fined $250 or one month by Judge A. D. Scholes at the Victoria District Court this morning.

Tsang was acquitted on another charge of allowing his premises in Shaukiwan to be used for the storage of opium, to which he had pleaded not guilty. He was represented by Mr J. M. d'Almada Remedios.

The Prosecution said the Police raided No. 120, Main Street West, first floor, Shaukiwan, at 2.30 p.m. on March 18 and seized the opium.

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TUESDAY, MAY 11

By Air

Formosa, Japan, Korea, Okinawa, U.S.A. & Canada, 6 p.m.
Indo-China, France, 6 p.m.

By Surface

Indo-China, 3 p.m.
Malaya, Ceylon, India, Aden, Middle East, Great Britain, Europe, 5 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12

By Air

Thailand, 9 a.m.
Indo-China, 10 a.m.
Formosa, Japan, Korea, Canada, 2 p.m.
Japan, Korea, 6 p.m.
Formosa, Okinawa, 6 p.m.
Thailand, Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, 6 p.m.
Burma, India, Ceylon, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain, Europe, 6 p.m.

By Surface

China, People's Republic, 8.30 a.m.
Macao, 9 a.m.
Malaya, India, Noon.
Formosa, 1 p.m.
Japan, 1 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 13

By Air

Philippines, 9 a.m.
India, Ceylon, 10 a.m.
Japan, Korea, 1 p.m.
Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A. and Canada, 2 p.m.
Formosa, 2 p.m.

Trooper Here

The troopship, HMT Empire Orwell, arrived here this morning from the United Kingdom via Singapore with an advance party of the Royal Irish Fusiliers en route to Korea. The advance party, commanded by Major R. W. Collis, is sailing for the north this evening.

The troopship also brought a number of replacement troops and Service families for Hongkong. A number of naval personnel whose ships are based here also arrived.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T.

6, Time Signal and Programme Summary, 6.03, Melody with the Stars; 6.30, This is Gibraltar. Written by Charles Causley. Produced by R.D. Smith (BBCTS); 7, "First Hearing" presented by Bernard Hicks (Studio); 7.30, La Demi-Heure Francaise (Studio); 7.59, Weather Report; 8, Time Signal and World News (London Relay); 8.10, News Talk (London Relay) or Special Announcements; 8.15, Shirley Abicair — with Sidney Bright (Piano), Bert Weedon (Guitar), Jack Collier (Bass) (BBCTS); 8.30, Forces Favourites (London Relay); 9, Time Signal. Description of the Hongkong Stand at the British Industries Fair with interviews (Recorded by the BBC); 9.15, A Short Piano Recital of Chopin Waltzes by Dinu Lipatti; 9.30, Bible Week—Story of the Bible. Recounting how the text of the Scriptures developed into that we know today. Written by Noel Scott based on research by Elizabeth Braund. Produced by Terence Tiller (Recorded London Relay); 10, London Studio Melodies. Jack Coles and his Orchestra Moderne with Bruce Trent (BBCTS); 10.30, At the Ballet. "Coppelia" (Delibes)....L'Orchestre De La Societe Des Concerts Du Conservatoire De Paris cond. by Roger Desormiere; 10.59, Weather Report 11, Time Signal. Radio News Reel (London Relay); 11.15, Goodnight Music; God Save The Queen; 11.30, Close Down.

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